MINUTES

—OF THE—

Eighty-Fourth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Synod of North Carolina,

SALISBURY, N. C., November, 1897.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

1897.
THE LANDMARK JOB PRESSES,
STATESVILLE, N. C.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Eighty-Fourth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Synod of North Carolina,

SALISBURY, N. C., November, 1897.

WITH AN APPENDIX.

1897.
THE LANDMARK JOB PRESSES,
STATESVILLE, N. C.

MINUTES.

SALISBURY, N. C., November 2nd, 1897.

The Synod of North Carolina met in its Eighty-fourth Annual Session, Tuesday, November 2nd, 1897, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., in the Presbyterian church, Salisbury, N. C., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. A. D. McClure, from Deut., 1:19: "And we came to Kadesh-Barnea."

The following members were present during the sessions of the Synod:*

I.—Orange Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
A. Currie.		
D. I. Craig		
S. O. Hall.	J. C. Wharton.	Westminster.
R. W. Culbertson.		
S. G. Walker.		
C. W. Maxwell.		
J. McL. Seabrook.	W. D Wharton.	Buffalo.
R. E. Caldwell.		
C. W. Robinson.	J. H. Ball.	Elkin.
L. B. Turnbull, D. D.	Geo. W. Watts.	Durham.
D. J. Currie.	J. A. Holmes.	Chapel Hill.
H. S. Bradshaw.		
N. B. Campbell.		
W. P. McCorkle.		

*The figure after a name indicates the day a member takes his seat.

Of the Presbytery of Orange the following ministers were absent: J. Henry Smith, D. D., E. W. Smith, D. D., W. Lee Harrell, H. D. Lequeux, R. W. George, E. C. Murray, D. D., S. H. Williamson.—7.

The following churches were not represented: Alamance, Asbury, Ashboro, Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bethesda, Calah, Clark Memorial, Cross Roads.

9385

Roll of Synod.

I.—Orange Presbytery, Continued.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
M. W. Doggett, D. D.	D. F. Morrow.	Burlington.
Joseph Evans.		
E. E. Gillespie.		
J. A. Paisley.		
B. B. Palmer.		
	A. M. Scales.	Greensboro, First.
	J. T. Hogan.	New Hope.
19		8

II.—Concord Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
J. Rumple, D. D.	W. G. Watson.	Salisbury.
Wm. W. Pharr, D. D.[2]	John H. Reid.	Centre.
W. A. Wood, D. D.	J. H. Hill.	Statesville.
J. M. Wharey, D. D.[3]		
J. A. Ramsay, D. D.		
C. A. Munroe.	G. W. F. Harper.	Lenoir.
W. R. McLelland.		
R. S. Arrowood.	J. A. Kluttz.	Franklin.
J. B. Shearer, D. D.		
A. T. Graham.	F. J. Knox.	Davidson College.
W. H. White.	W. B. Ratliff.	Marion.
J. C. Kennedy.		
J. A. Harris.	H. E. Shoaf.	Back Creek.
W. M. Shaw.	N. Johnston.	Gilwood.
J. M Rose, D. D.		
W. C. Alexander.[2]	D. F. Cannon.	Concord, First.
B. Soulier.		
L. A. McLaurin.		
A. K. Pool.		
W. C. Brown.		

Danbury, Dan River, Elkin, (col'd) Elim Eno, Fairfield, Gilead, Graham, Grier's, Hawfield, High Point, Hillsboro, Holloways, Jamestown, Leaksville, Lexington, Little River, Madison, Mebane, Midway, Milton, Mt. Airy, North Wilkesboro, Oak Forest, Red House, Reidsville, Rougemont, Roxboro, Saxapahaw, Snow Hill, Speedwell, Springwood, Stony Creek, Wentworth, Wilkesboro, Winston, Yanceyville.—47.

Of the Presbytery of Concord the following ministers were absent: John W. Davis, D. D., B. L. Beall, L. McKinnon, D. D., E. E. Pressly, R. W. Boyd, Edgar Tutts, W. L. Lingle, J. M. Greenlee.—8

The following churches were not represented: Banner Elk, Bethany, Bethesda, Bethphage, Beulah, Blowing Rock, Clio, Concord, (Iredell) Cove Creek,

Roll of Synod.

II.—Concord Presbytery, Continued.

MINISTERS.		RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. J. Tidball.		Frank Brown.	Mocksville.
Cornelius Miller.		L. H. Alexander.	Rocky River.
C. F. Rankin.[2]		J. B. White.	White Hall.
	23	D. W. Lowrance.	Prospect.
		J. F. Miller.	China Grove.
		J. G. Ramsay.	Third Creek.
		H. W. Silliman.	Thyatira.
		17	

III—Fayetteville Presbytery.

MINISTERS.		RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
H. G. Hill, D. D.		A. M. McKinnon.	Centre.
A. N. Ferguson.			
P. R. Law.		J. A. McNeill	Lumber Bridge.
W. F. Thom.			
W. B. Arrowood.		A. L. James.	Laurinburg.
A. J. McKelway.			
W. D. McNeill.			
W. R. Coppedge.			
C. G. Vardell.			
C. H. Dobbs, Jr.			
H. T Graham.			
	11	A. H. McDonald.	Aberdeen.
		J. W. McLaughlin [2]	Bethel.
		J. C. McCaskill.	Maxton.
		6	

Elk Park. Elmwood. Fifth Creek, Front Street, Glen Alpine, Greenlee, Hickory, Mizpah, Mooresville, Morganton, Newton, New Salem, Norwood. Old Fort, Patterson Mills, Poplar Tent, Quaker Meadow, Shearer, Shiloh, Siloam, South River, South Toe, Tabor, Taylorsville, Troutman, Turkey Cove, Unity, Waldensian, Zion, Sherrill's Ford.—39

Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville the following ministers were absent: David Fairley, K. M. McIntyre, J. S. Black, J. W. Johnston, K. A. McLeod, M N. McIver, D W. Fox, J. A McMurray, A. M. Hassell, L. L. Little, Hugh Craig, W. C. Buchanan, A. M McLauchlin.—13.

The following churches were not represented: Antioch, Ashepole, Barbacne, Bethesda, Bethlehem, Big Rockfish, Bluff, Buffalo, Cameron, Cameronian, Carthage, China Grove, Church of the Covenant, Culdee, Cypress, Dunn, Ellerbee Springs, Euphronia, Fayetteville, Flat Branch, Galatin, Gulf, Gibson, Haywood, Hope Mills, Ida Mills, Iona, Jackson Springs, Jonesboro, Kenley, Keyser, Laurel Hill, Lebanon, Long Street, Lumberton, Mark's Creek, Macedonia, McMillan, McPherson, Midway, Montpelier, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Vernon Springs, Oakland, Pee Dee Phillippi, Philadelphus, Pittsboro, Pocket, Red Springs, Roberdell, Rockingham, Salem, Sandy Grove Sanford, Sardis, Shannon, Sharon, Sherwood, Shiloh Smithfield, Smyrna, Spout Springs, St. Andrews, St. Paul, Summerville, Union, Wadeville, White Hill.—72.

Roll of Synod.

IV.—Wilmington Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
P. H. Hoge, D. D.	B. G. Worth.[2]	Wilmington, First.
A. D. McClure.	C. F. Bell.	St Andrews.
T. H. Newkirk.	2	
S. H. Isler.		
John Wakefield.		
5		

V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. Z. Johnston.		
R. A. Miller.[2]		
Roger Martin.		
J. M. Grier.		
J. R. Howerton, D. D.	A. G. Brenizer	Charlotte, First.
J. W. Stagg.		
S. W. Newell.		
Jesse W. Siler.[2]		
Wm. Black.		
R. P. Smith.		
R. C. Morrison.		
M. C. Arrowood.		
A. A. Little.	R. C. Freeman.	Steel Creek.
R. D. Stimson.	W. A. Jamison.	Hopewell.

Of the Presbytery of Wilmington the following ministers were absent: Colin Shaw, James Kelly, A. McFadyen, Geo. W. McMillan, K. McDonald, J. D. Stanford, J. J. Hines, Peter McIntyre, R. V. Lancaster, P. C. Morton.—10.

The following churches were not represented: Beth Carr, Black River, Bladenboro, Beulah, Burgaw, Caswell, Chadburn, Clarkton, Chinquepin, Clinton, Cobb's Mill, Croatan, Cronley, Duplin Road, Elizabethtown, Faison's, Grove, Harmony, Hebron, Hopewell, Hub, Immanuel, Keith, Maple Hill, Mt. Horeb, Mt. Olive, Mt. William, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oak Plain, Pike, Pollocksville, Richlands, Rockfish, South River, Smith's, Stanford, Sweet Home, Topsail, Verona, Warsaw, White Hall, White Plains, Whiteville, Wildwood.—45.

Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg the following ministers were absent: J. J. Kennedy, J. R. McAlpine, S. C. Boyce, J. W. Moore, G. A. Sparrow, H. M. Dixon, L. H. Baldwin, J. J. Harrell, Geo. A. Hough, Jonas Barclay, T. F. Boozer, H. W. Hoon, M. A. Henderson.—13.

The following churches were not represented: Alton, Amity, Banks, Barclay, Belmont, Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah, Carmel, Castanea Grove, Charlotte, Second, Cherryville, Columbus, Cook's Memorial, Dallas, Drusilla, Duncan's Creek, Forest City, Goshen, Graham St., Henrietta, Hephzibah, Ironton, King's Mountain, Lattimore, Lincolnton, Little Brittain, Long Creek, Lowell, Machpelah, Mallard Creek, Matthews, Monroe, Morven, Mulberry, Newell, New Hope, Olney,

Roll of Synod.

V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery, Continued.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
T. M. Lowry.	F. H. Curtis.2	Shelby.
J. S. Shaw.		
Joseph Crockard.		
R. J. McIlwain.		
T. J. Allison.		
M. McG. Shields.	B. G Bradley.	Gastonia.
W. R. Minter.2		
G. T. Thompson.2		
22	John W. Moore.	Huntersville.
	D. C. McDonald.	Waxhaw.
	7	

VI.—Albemarle Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
F. H. Johnston D. D.		
Eugene Daniel, D. D.	Julius Lewis.	Raleigh, First.
C. N. Wharton.		
Wm. T. Walker.		
J. B. Morton.		
E. D. Brown.		
A. S. Caldwell.		
G. L. Leyburn, D. D.		
A. R. Shaw.	J. A. Gilmer.2	Henderson.
9	C. M. Brown.	Washington.
	3	

VII —Asheville Presbytery.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
E. A. Sample.		
H. M. Parker.		

Paw Creek Philadelphia, Pineville, Pleasant Hill Polkton, Providence, Ramah, Robinson, Rutherfordton, Salem, Sandy Plains, Sharon, Shiloh, Siler, Stanley Creek, Stevens, Sugar Creek, Union, Unity, Waco, Wadesboro, Williams Memorial —60.

Of the Presbytery of Albemarle the following ministers were absent: F. D. Thomas, F. W. Farries, C. M. Payne, D. D., James Thomas.—4.

The following churches were not represented: Aurora, Cann Memorial, Dover, Falkland, Geneva, Goldsboro, Grassy Creek, Greenville, Kinston, LaGrange, Littleton, Louisburg, Mackey's Ferry, Nahalah, Newberne Nutbush, Oak Hill, Olivet, Oxford, Parmele, Roanoke Rocky Mount, Shiloh, Strickland, Tarboro, Warrenton, Wilson, Young Memorial.—28.

Organization.	Excursion.	Sympathy.

VII.—Asheville Presbytery, Continued.

MINISTERS.		RULING ELDERS.		CHURCHES.
R. F. Campbell, D. D.		J. D. Murphy		Asheville, First.
J. B. Cochrane.	4		1	

Ministers present, 93; Ruling Elders, 44; total, 137.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., of the Presbytery of Concord, was chosen Moderator; Rev. P. R. Law, of Fayetteville Presbytery, and Rev. W. R. McLelland, of Concord Presbytery, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Board of Regents of the Orphans' Home tendered to the Synod an excursion to the Home at Barium Springs, on Thursday. The Synod accepted the invitation and resolved to meet at the Home on Thursday at 11 o'clock A. M., to receive and dedicate the Centre Building.

A resolution of sympathy was adopted for Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., and his family, in view of his extreme illness; and it was ordered that they be specially remembered in the closing prayer of to-night's session.

The following were fixed as the hours of daily sessions: from 9:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.; from 2:30 P. M. to 5 P. M., and from 7:30 P. M. to adjourn at will.

Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., of the Synod of Virginia, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and was introduced to the Synod.

It was made the Order of the Day at 3:30 P. M. to-morrow (Wednesday) to hear Dr. Hazen in behalf of the cause of Publication and Colportage.

Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Of the Presbytery of Asheville the following ministers were absent: D. T. Towles, J. T. Wade, J. L. Wicker, R. W. Alexander.—4.

The following churches were not represented: Bethany, Bethel, Brevard, Bryson City, Centre, Davidson River, Dillsboro, Franklin, Hendersonville, Hiwassee, Midway, Mills River, Morrison, Murphy, Oak Forest, Southside, Swannanoa, Waynesville.—18

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, November 3rd, 1897.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met according to adjournment and was opened with devotional exercises.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. *Bills and Overtures:*—Rev. A. D. McClure, D. I. Craig, J. M. Rose, D. D., W. R. Coppedge, and Ruling Elders John H. Reid and A. M. McKinnon.

2. *Judicial Committee:*—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., S. O. Hall, Cornelius Miller, and Ruling Elders W. B. Ratliff and A. M. Scales.

3. *Address to the Churches:*—Rev. Joseph Evans, W. A. Wood, D. D., M. D. McNeill and Ruling Elder A. H. McDonald.

4. *Systematic Beneficence:*—Rev. W. R. Coppedge, J. A. Paisley and Ruling Elder W. D. Wharton.

5. *Minutes of General Assembly:*—Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., R. E. Caldwell and Ruling Elder J. G. Ramsay.

6. *Union Theological Seminary:*—Rev. W. B. Arrowood, C. H. Dobbs, Jr., and Ruling Elder J. C. McCaskill.

7. *Treasurer's Books:*—Rev. D. J. Currie and Ruling Elder J. D. Murphy.

8. *Trustees of Synod:*—Rev. R. W. Culbertson, W. P. McCorkle and Ruling Elder D. F. Morrow.

9. *Devotional Exercises:*—Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., and Ruling Elder W. G. Watson.

10. *Statistical Reports:*—Rev. R. S. Arrowood, J. B. Cochrane and Ruling Elder Frank Brown.

11. *Synodical Records:*—Rev. C. A. Munroe, A. T. Graham and Ruling Elder A. L. James.

12. *Leave of Absence:*—Rev. W. M. Shaw, C. Miller, A. A. Little and Ruling Elder John W. Moore.

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS:

Orange.—Rev. A. N. Ferguson and Ruling Elder J. H. Hill.

Concord.—Rev. H. S. Bradshaw and Ruling Elder J. T. Hogan.

Fayetteville.—Rev. J. S. Shaw and Ruling Elder A. G. Brenizer.

Wilmington.—Rev. E. A. Sample and Ruling Elder Julius Lewis.

Mecklenburg.—Rev. G. L. Leyburn, D. D., and Ruling Elder C. M. Brown.

Albemarle.—Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., and Ruling Elder W. A. Jamison.

Asheville.—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., and Ruling Elder R. C. Freeman.

An appeal of John W. Moore and others against Mecklenburg Presbytery was read and referred to the Judicial Committee. It is as follows:

Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D.,
Stated Clerk of the Synod of N. C.:

The undersigned, members of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg that met in the Presbyterian church of Gastonia, N. C., April 9th to 13th, 1897, having given *notice* of, and assigned grounds for an appeal from the action of Presbytery, taken upon the report of the Committee of Home Missions, made at Gastonia, Spring Session, 1897, in appointing, directing and authorizing Mr. E. P. Bradley to labor in and serve certain churches under the jurisdiction of the said Presbytery, viz.: Mount Holly and Stanley Creek, and have assigned to the Presbytery as the grounds for an appeal, "That the said action of the Presby-

tery is illegal and unconstitutional in that the said E. P. Bradley is neither a candidate for the ministry under the care of this Presbytery, a licentiate nor an ordained minister of the Gospel."

Now, if in the judgment of the Synod this does not constitute a proper case for an appeal as contemplated in our Standards, and the undersigned are not entitled to be heard as appellants, then we ask that your venerable body consider this as a complaint and issue said cause in accordance therewith.

(Signed) JOHN W. MOORE,
ROGER MARTIN,
JOHN R. McALPINE.

"At an adjourned meeting of said Presbytery of Mecklenburg at Waxhaw, N. C., April 22nd, 1897, Rev. R. P. Smith was appointed to represent the Presbytery in the case of the appeal of John W. Moore and others before the Synod.

JESSE W. SILER,
Stated Clerk."

A communication was read from the Trustees of the Assembly's Home and School, which was referred to the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

A communication was also read from Rev. P. F. Stevens, Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, concerning the petitioning of the Post Master General to suppress the Sabbath mail. This letter was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A request was presented from Mecklenburg Presbytery asking that the Synod rescind the *first* and *third* criticism passed upon the records at the last meeting of the Synod. This paper was referred to the Standing Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery.

An Overture was read from Mecklenburg Presbytery asking for the change of its boundary lines by the transfer of Stanly county from Concord Presbytery to Mecklenburg Presbytery. The action of Concord Presbytery consenting to the change was also read; and both papers were referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, of the Synod of Memphis, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and was introduced to the Synod.

Rev. A. Walker White, of the Synod of Texas, and Rev. J. N. H. Summerell, of the Synod of South Carolina, were invited to sit as corresponding members and were introduced to the Synod.

Rev. G. T. Thompson, of the Synod of Kentucky, was invited to sit as a corresponding member and was introduced to the Synod.

The reports from the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence, Narrative on State of Religion and Statistical Reports were called for and referred to the respective Standing Committees.

The Synodical and Presbyterial Records were handed in and placed in the hands of the respective Committees.

Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D., Treasurer of Synod, read his report, which was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Books. It is as follows:

Rev. J. Alston Ramsay, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of North Carolina, for the year ending November 1st, 1897:

RECEIPTS:

From Concord	Presbytery	one-half assessment,	1895-'96		$ 30 00
" Wilmington	"	"	1896-'97		40.00
" Orange	"	" "	1895-'96		27.50
" Concord	"	" "	1896-'97		30.00
" Orange	"	" "	" "		27 50
" Concord	"	"	" "		25.00
" Albemarle	"	on account			40.00
" Fayetteville	"	assessment,	1896-'97		60.00
" Mecklenburg	"	"	" "		70.00
" Albemarle	"	balance to October,	1897		35.00
Balance from last year					124 76
					$509.76

Treasurer's Report. Communications.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Hickory Printing Co. (Dockets 1896)	$ 3.00	
J. A. Brady, Minutes, 1896	150.00	
" " " "	83.98	
Stated Clerk, on account, 1896-'97	75.00	
" " balance on account, 1896-'97	31.38	$343.36
Balance on hand		$166.40

DUE FROM PRESBYTERIES:

Concord Presbytery, balance assessment, 1896-'97	$ 5 00
Orange " one-half " " "	27.50
	$32.50

Your Treasurer would recommend the following revised assessments upon the Presbyteries:

PRESBYTERIES:

Orange Presbytery	$ 55.00
Concord "	60.00
Fayetteville "	60.00
Wilmington "	40.00
Mecklenburg "	65 00
Albemarle "	20.00
Asheville "	15.00
	$315.00

Respectfully submitted,

J. ALSTON RAMSAY, Treasurer.

A communication was read from Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., touching Assembly's Home Missions. It was referred to a special committee; and it was made the Order of the Day at 10 o'clock A. M., on Friday to hear the report of this Committee.

A communication was received and read from the "Anti-Saloon" League asking the Synod to appoint delegates to its next convention. The paper was referred to the Committe on Bills and Overtures.

Rev. F. H. Gaines, D. D., of the Synod of Georgia, was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Synod.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., the Synod united in the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Synod then took recess until 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

It was made the second Order of the Day Friday morning to hear the report on Church and Christian Education.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., on behalf of the Board of Regents of South Atlantic University, reported progress. The report was received and approved. Hon. T. B. Womack was re-elected Regent to serve three years.

Rev. J. A Ramsay, D. D., Chairman of the Synodical Historical Committee, reported that there was nothing requiring the action of the Synod. The report was received and approved.

It was made the Order of the Day to-morrow (Thursday) at 11 o'clock A. M., to hear the report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home.

Rev. J. R. Scroggs, of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit as a visiting brother and was introduced to the Synod.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Agent of Ministerial Education, presented his report, which was read and docketed for future consideration.

Gastonia was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the Synod, and the time was fixed on Tuesday before the last Sabbath of October, 1898, at 7:30 P. M.

Publication Foreign Missions.

Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., Secretary of Publication and Colportage addressed the Synod in the interest of that cause.

The Order of the Day, hearing the address of Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, was postponed until after the Foreign Mission meeting to-night.

The Committee on Publication and Colportage, Rev. A. D. McClure, chairman, presented their report, which was received, and the recommendations adopted.

They are as follows:

1. That Synod urge its Presbyteries to lay this cause more upon the hearts of the people and seek larger contributions to this fund.

2. That Synod rejoices in the action of the Assembly looking to the appointment of at least one Colporteur in each Synod of our Church.

3. That Synod calls attention of our Presbyteries to the wise and successful business methods and management of the Publication work of the Assembly, and resolves to raise funds sufficient to put at least one Colporteur in our Synod.

4. Your Agent by instruction of Synod would express the great gratification of Synod in reply to the address of the Secretary of Publication, that the business of Publication is so well managed. We cordially thank the Secretary for his clear, concise and excellent address. The report as a whole was then adopted.

The Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod convened at 7:30 P. M. and resumed its business.

The Order of the Day was taken up, viz.: report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. Rev. A. T. Grahan, chairman, read the report, which was received and pending further action, addresses were made by Rev. H. T. Graham and Rev. T. M. Lowry. A collection was taken amounting to $50.00.

The recommendations adopted are as follows:

I. Forasmuch as we have 240 Sabbath schools in our Synod with more than 2,500 scholars, and yet only 92 schools, scarcely one-third of the whole number, give anything to the conversion of the heathen, we earnestly recommend a systematic effort on the part of pastors and superintendents to have our Sunday school children brought into fuller sympathy with this cause, that every child may give his mite.

II. Evidently there is much room for development in the attempt to engage the liberal sympathy of pious men for this great enterprise, and since in all the Synod there are only 17 men's societies, we would recommend that every pastor make a definite effort to organize such societies among his male members.

III. In view of the crying need for a largely increased number of subscribers to our missionary literature, we recommend that each pastor be instructed on the first Sabbath of December, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to make a *public* appeal to his flock to subscribe to the *Missionary*, and that he appoint in each congregation a suitable person to canvass therefor.

IV Recognizing the inestimable benefit of having a living link between the home Church and the work in distant lands, we recommend that where single churches can support a missionary they be urged to do so at once, and where one church can not do so alone, it be grouped by the Presbytery, if necessary, with some other churches, that two or three together may have a representative in the field

The report as a whole was then adopted.

Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, Secretary of Ministerial Education, addressed the Synod in behalf of that cause. The Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Education was directed to embody in his report a suitable resolution of thanks for this address.

It was made the Second Order of the Day to-morrow (Thursday) night to hear Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology in Union Theological Seminary of Virginia.

Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., of the Synod of South Carolina,

was invited to sit as a corresponding member, and was introduced to the Synod.

It was made the Third Order of the Day Friday morning to hear the report of the Board of Directors of the Colored Academic and Industrial Institute.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at Barium Springs at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY.

BARIUM SPRINGS, N. C.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at Barium Springs at 11 A. M. and was opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The reading of the minutes was deferred until to-morrow morning.

The "Morning Call" was also dispensed with.

Rev. R. W. Boyd, Superintendent of the Orphans' Home made an address of welcome, and the children of the Home sang one selection.

The Moderator then announced the program for the dedication of the "Centre Building." It was carried out as follows:

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., president of the Board of Regents, made a verbal report, stating that the Centre Building in which the Synod is now meeting, is finished and paid for, though not yet furnished, and tendered the same to the Synod of North Carolina in the name of God.

The Synod gratefully accepted the Centre Building as a

part of the Orphans' Home, and affixed to it the name of "Rumple Hall."

Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Rev. T. J. Allison and Ruling Elder Geo. W. Watts were appointed a committee to frame a suitable paper of acceptance for the permanent records.

Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., delivered an address on "The Church's Duty to Her Orphan Children."

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., then made the dedicatory prayer.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs, D. D., President of Thornwell Orphanage, then delivered an address.

Subscriptions for the furnishing of the Centre Building were made which amounted to $875.00.

The Synod took a recess for 40 minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. S. P. Fulton, a graduate of the Thornwell Orphanage, and a missionary to Japan, made an address on the work of the Church in his missionary field.

The Synod then took recess to meet in Salisbury at 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod met in the Presbyterian church, Salisbury, N. C., at 7:30 P. M., and resumed its business.

The Committee on Statistical reports, Rev. R. S. Arrowood, chairman, made the following partial report, which was received and adopted:

The following ministers have died since the last meeting of Synod: Rev. A. McMillan, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and Rev. W. W. Quicke, of Albemarle Presbytery.

Your Committee recommend that it be made the Order of the Day Friday at 7:30 P. M., to hear the memorials of these deceased brethren.

That Rev. A. N. Ferguson prepare the memorial of Rev. A. McMillan; and Rev. F. H Johnston, D. D., prepare the memorial of Rev. W. W. Quicke.

The Committee to prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion, Rev. Joseph Evans, chairman, presented the following which was received and approved:

To our Church in North Carolina, we in Synod assembled send our greeting: Grace, mercy and peace from the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

From the reports that have reached us from some of our Presbyteries we have reason for devout thankfulness to God for his continued favor to our beloved Church.

Peace and harmony such as, we trust, God's Spirit begets, we learn prevail throughout our bounds in your relations to one another and towards them that are without. God's Word has been regularly ministered to you, almost without exception, in all your established places of worship, and this unspeakable blessing has been extended in many directions into the regions beyond.

In almost all our churches and many of the recently established stations, there have been professions of faith in Christ and enrollment as his followers. And at quite a number of these there have been large accessions to the Church. And we have been further cheered by learning that by God's blessing His Word has been proving itself quick and powerful in rousing God's people to a more consistent, holier walk in an increasing realization of the duty of abstinence from intoxicating drinks and worldly amusements. Why should they ever be indulged by those "called to be saints" and to whom God addresses the yearning entreaty given in Rom., 12:1-2? But we are grieved by the sad confession in most of the reports of a neglect by many of family worship and of instruction of their families in spiritual things Christian parents how can you, in view of your responsibility as parents and your vows in consecrating your children to God deprive them of this precious means of grace? Ponder the solemn declaration (1 Tim. 5:8), "If any provide not for his own, especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." Since this is true as regards providing food for the body, is it not still more emphatically true as regards what is needful for the eternal well-being of the deathless spirit?

As regards the more devout sanctification of the Sabbath, from these reports it is evident that while there are some things to encourage, there is also room for improvement. The reading of the secular newspaper on God's holy day, the frequenting of the post-office on the Sabbath, and the making use of Sunday trains when there is no imperative necessity for it—these are violations of God's command "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" that undermine spirituality and foster the spirit of the world, that rob those indulging in them of delight in God and lead them to seek delight in other things and that tend to foster a disregard of all God's other commandments.

It was made the first Order of the Day Friday afternoon to hear the report of the Committee on the Bible Cause, and in connection therewith to hear Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., in the interest of that cause.

Rev. S. P. Fulton, of the Synod of South Carolina, and Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., of the Synod of Georgia, were invited to sit as corresponding members, and were introduced to the Synod.

The Order of the Day was taken up, viz.: Popular meeting in the interest of Synodical Home Missions.

Rev. A. J. McKelway, Superintendent, read the annual report. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. E. E. Gillespie, Wm. Black, E. Mac. Davis and J. B. Morton.

Pending the consideration of the report Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., addressed the Synod concerning the condition, work and prospects of Union Theological Seminary.

A collection for Synodical Home Missions was taken amounting to $24.18; subscriptions, $53.00.

The report was received, and the recommendations were considered *seriatim*.

The first and second recommendations were adopted, and are as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Synod, encouraged by the success of the work during the past year, commends the work anew to the liberality of its churches and its people, and

Superintendent. Report on Records.

urges them to provide such support as will enable us to *put a church in every county of North Carolina before the century ends.* Synod apportions, as follows, among the Presbyteries, the sum of $5,000 *to be raised in the regular collection:*

Mecklenburg, $750; Fayetteville, $950; Orange, $950; Concord, $900; Wilmington, $750; Albemarle, $500; Asheville, $200.

2. Synod commends the Presbyteries for their diligence in their work, and rejoices at the growing harmony and co-operation between the work of the Presbyteries and the Synod, in mutually aiding and supplementing each other in overtaking our destitutions.

The third recommendation was docketed to be taken up when the Special Committee on General Assembly's Home Missions makes its report.

Rev. A. J. McKelway was re-elected Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions for the ensuing year; and the Synod's Committee was authorized to fix the time, salary, &c., of the Superintendent.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge, Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., and Ruling Elder Geo. W. Watts were appointed a committee to nominate Ruling Elders for the Synodical Committee of Home Missions.

The Committee to examine the records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. H. S. Bradshaw, chairman, reported, recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9:30 A. M.

Closed with prayer by Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D.

FOURTH DAY.

FRIDAY, November 5th, 1897.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at 9:30 A. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. Roger Martin.

The minutes of the Second and Third Day's Sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. A. D. McClure, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

1. In reply to the Overtures from the Presbyteries of Mecklenburg and Concord asking Synod to transfer the county of Stanly to Mecklenburg Presbytery from Concord, we recommend that the request be granted.

2. In the matter of appointing and sending delegates to the American Anti-Saloon League, we recommend the following:

Resolved, That we respectfully receive this communication as information, but decline to grant the request therein stated, not regarding it as within the prerogative of an ecclesiastical to send delegates to a non-ecclesiastical body. In taking this action we do not mean to discourage in any sense whatever all legitimate means to suppress the great evil of intemperance.

3. In the matter of the request from Bishop Stevens to petition the Post-Master General in relation to the transmission of the mails and the Sunday railroad trains, we recommend the following:

That the Synod instruct the Moderator to sign the petition presented and forward it in the name of the Synod with its 32,000 members and its large constituency.

The Judicial Committee, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

1. That the paper presented by John W. Moore and others to be treated at its option by the Synod as an "Appeal" or a "Complaint," should be consid-

ered as a complaint, because an appeal is only allowable to those against whom after trial a decision has been rendered by an inferior Court.

2. That the papers are in order and the constitutional requirements have been met for considering the matter as a complaint.

3. That Synod consider the complaint in the following order:

1st. Hear the complaint and the record of the action of Presbytery complained of.

2nd. Hear the complainants.

3rd. Hear the Presbytery as respondent, through the appointed representative, Rev. R. P. Smith.

4th. Hear the complainants again.

5th. Consider and decide the case.

It was made the Second Order of the Day this afternoon to hear the judicial case from Mecklenburg Presbytery.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. W. R. Coppedge, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

The Synod has cause for profound gratitude to God in the fact, that notwithstanding the stringency of the times, there has been a net increase in the contributions to the benevolent objects of the Church of more than fifteen thousand dollars in the last year. While feeling that all has not been done that could have been, we should feel greatly encouraged in pressing forward our enterprises. We append hereto a tabulated report of the contributions of the Presbyteries:

CAUSES.	Albemarle	Asheville.	Concord.	Fayetteville.	Mecklenburg.	Wilmington.	Orange.	Totnls.
Invalid	$ 132	$ 17	$ 141	$ 201	$ 223	$ 142	$ 247	$ 1,103
Presbyterial Home Missions	2,534	899	2,884	1,610	5,904	1,576	2,787	20,245
Synodical Home Missions	602			787		190	472	
Assembly's Home Missions	177	24	198	294	367	529	302	1,891
Foreign Missions	1,090	542	2,695	3,959	7,285	2,948	4,042	22,561
Publication and Colportage	95	7	71	215	222	142	153	905
Education for the Ministry	224	44	1,446	339	1,153	260	404	5,614
Church and Christian Education	41			1,299		32	372	
Colored Evangelization	110	88	134	132	146	94	210	914
Bible Cause	11	3	53	88	56	39	102	352
Orphans' Home	2,350		745	824		689	1,680	6,288
Miscellaneous	3,634	594	1,001	1,065	10,387	1,257	2,856	20,794
Total	$11,002	$2,168	$9,341	$10,813	$25,671	$7,287	$13,627	$79,909
Increase over last year	5,698		2,536	1,778	4,792		2,434	17,238
Decrease						1,829		

We find that 51 churches have contributed to all the causes recommended by the Assembly.

Minutes of General Assembly. Treasurer's Book. Statistical Reports.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee respectfully report that they have examined the same and find therein nothing requiring the action of the Synod except the recommendation of the General Assembly found on page 53 touching the Assembly's Home and School, which is as follows:

"The General Assembly recommends that a collection be taken in all our churches on the fourth Sunday in December next in order to relieve the present embarrassments of the Home and School, and to facilitate the prospective changes ordered by this Assembly."

Your Committee would recommend that the Synod instruct the churches to comply with this recommendation, so far as practicable.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's Book and Accounts, Rev. D. J. Currie, chairman, reported that "the Treasurer's Book has been examined and found neatly and correctly kept, and also that all disbursements are sustained by proper vouchers." The report was received and approved

The Committee on Statistical Reports from the Presbyteries, Rev. R. S. Arrowood, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

The Committee on the Statistical Reports of Presbyteries would submit the following report:

1. Total number of ministers, 152; churches, 356; licentiates, 7; candidates, 64; communicants, 32,382: contributions, $215,492.00.

2. Number added, 2,703; (*a*) by examination, 1,578; (*b*) by certificate, 1,125.

3. Ministers received, 21.

4 Ministers dismissed, 20.

5. Churches organized, 11.

6. Churches transferred or dissolved, 0.

7. Licentiates received, 1.

8. Licentiates transferred, 5.

9. Candidates received, 17.

10. Candidates dismissed, 3.

11. Ministers died, 2.

12. Ordinations, 8.

13. Installations, 24.

14. Dissolutions of pastoral relations, 7.

15. Licensures, 11.

16. 117 ministers in charge of 297 churches; 100 pastors; 26 stated supplies; 22 evangelists; 5 licentiates; foreign missionaries, 9.

17. Vacant churches, 40.

18. Average salary of pastors, $719.

19. Manses, 75; valued at $159,190.00.

20. No minister in 17 counties; no church in 18 counties.

21. Date and place of next meeting of Presbyteries:

ALBEMARLE—Tarboro, April 12th, 1898.

CONCORD—Mooresville, April 15th, 1898, 7:30 P. M.

FAYETTEVILLE—Carthage, Tuesday, April 19th, 1898.

MECKLENBURG—Philadelphia, Tuesday before full moon, April, 1898.

ASHEVILLE—Murphy, on first Tuesday of May, 1898.

ORANGE—Durham, April 12th, 1898.

WILMINGTON—Burgaw, April 5th, 1898.

22. We note the following gains over last year: Ministers, 10; churches, 11; communicants, 462; churches organized, 2; average pastors' salaries $100.00.

23. We note the following decrease from last year: Licentiates, 11; candidates, 9; contributions, $7.091.

The Committee to examine the Synodical Records, Rev. C. A. Munroe, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

Your Committee has examined the Records and find them written not only in a legible, but in a decidedly plain and beautiful hand, with every "t" crossed and every "i" dotted, and not a blot or scratch of a pen, from beginning to end, to mar their beauty.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., president, presented the report of the Board of Regents of the Orphans' Home, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. W. B.

Arrowood, Rev. Joseph Evans and Ruling Elder A. G. Brenizer.

The report and Books of the Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions were referred to an Auditing Committee consisting of Rev. D. J. Currie and Ruling Elder J. D. Murphy.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of Rev. J. N. Craig, D. D., Rev. W. R. Coppedge, chairman, presented a report, which was adopted as a substitute for the *third* recommendation of the Synodical Home Mission Committee's report. It is as follows:

3. Synod deplores the remissness of its churches and people in not contributing with greater liberality to the Assembly's Home Missions. The commendable zeal of our people in the work within our own borders has doubtless caused many to overlook the importance of the work in the western part of the territory covered by our Church. We believe that a fuller understanding of the claims of the entire field would stimulate the interest and enlarge the liberality of our people towards all departments of the Home Mission work. We avow our loyalty to the Assembly in its efforts to occupy and hold the destitute regions of Florida and the Southwest, and express the hope that the churches of this Synod will in the future contribute more generously towards this work. To this end we urge upon our pastors the duty of greater diligence in explaining to their people its importance. We urge the Presbyteries to make every reasonable effort to approximate these apportionments, viz.: Albemarle, $470; Asheville, $203; Concord, $609; Fayetteville, $631; Mecklenburg, $980; Orange, $745; Wilmington, $443.

4. Synod learns with profound regret of the prospective deficiency in the receipts for Invalid Fund and deplores the fact that the Presbyteries of this Synod have fallen so far below the amount apportioned them, for a cause so worthy and sacred. The Synod urges the Presbyteries to use all diligence to bring this object to the attention of the churches and to enlist the sympathy of our people in its behalf.

The report of the Synodical Home Mission Committee was then adopted as a whole.

Visiting Brethren. Synodical Committee. Colored Evangelization

Rev. T. F. Marr, of the M. E Church, South, was invited to sit as a visiting brother and was introduced to the Synod.

Rev. L. E. Busbee, of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. M. E. Parish, of the Baptist Church, were invited to sit as visiting brethren, and were introduced to the Synod.

The Committee to nominate Ruling Elders on the Synodical Home Mission Committee, Rev. W. R. Coppedge, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

From	Asheville	Presbytery	W. A. Blair.
"	Albemarle	"	J. R Young.
"	Concord	"	J. G. Hall.
"	Fayetteville	"	J. W. McNeill.
"	Mecklenburg	"	A. G. Brenizer.
"	Orange	"	J. M. Rogers.
"	Wilmington	"	B. F. Hall.

The Board of Directors of the Colored Academic and Industrial Institute, Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., chairman, presented their annual report, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. B. Morton, Rev. T. M. Lowry and Ruling Elder D. F. Cannon.

In this connection the Synod heard Rev. Simon G. Walker concerning the Institute.

The Committee on Colored Evangelization, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., chairman, presented a report, which was received and approved, and the recommendations adopted. They are as follows:

1st That the Synod earnestly urge all its ministers to preach to the colored people whenever and wherever possible, and to seek opportunities for so doing.

2nd. That the Synod enjoin the presentation of this cause to the sympathies and support of our people, laying stress upon our responsibility in the sight of God for the evangelization of a people, so greatly in need, who are at our very doors.

Synod took recess until 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Committee on the Religious Welfare of the Convicts, Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

Your Committee report that they had conference with the similar committees appointed by sister denominations, and that after careful survey and cognizance of the situation, the joint committee decided that under the present administration of the State government there appears no feasible plan to give the convicts of the State any regular religious instruction by special agents appointed to this work.

Your Committee request, therefore, to be discharged.

The Committee to examine the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. E. A. Sample, chairman, reported, recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to examine the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. J. S. Shaw, chairman, reported, recommending their "approval with special notice of the neatness and correctness of the Stated Clerk." The report was received and adopted.

The special committee to prepare a paper of acceptance of the Centre Building at the Orphans' Home, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., chairman, presented the following, which was received and adopted:

1st. *Resolved*, That Synod with profound gratitude to God, and with thankful acknowledgments to all donors and helpers, would accept the new building tendered this day in behalf of the Regents by the President of its Board, to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God in caring for the fatherless ones whom Jehovah has in an especial sense constituted His own wards.

2nd. *Resolved*, That in recognition of the multiplied, varied and successful labors during many years of the honored President of the Board of Regents, Rev. J. Rumple, D. D, not only in erecting the Centre Building, but the Cottages of the Home, and in promoting the welfare and efficiency of the institution, Synod directs that the building dedicated this day shall hereafter be designated "Rumple Hall."

The Committee to examine the Records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. A. N. Ferguson, chairman, reported recommending their approval, and especially commending "the neatness which characterizes the keeping of said Records." The report was received and adopted.

It was ordered that a collection be taken to-night to help Rev. B. B. Palmer, colored, to build a church in Caswell county.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read by Rev. S. O. Hall, at the request of the chairman, Rev. R. E. Caldwell. The report was approved, and its recommendations adopted as follows:

In view of the needs of the work and the evident indifference of the Church, your Committee would recommend that the Synod urge the pastors and sessions to give this cause a greater prominence and to be more faithful in making the collections appointed for the third Sabbath of October, or such other day as may be more convenient.

The Committee to examine the Records of Albemarle Presbytery, Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., chairman, reported recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to examine the Records of Asheville Presbytery, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., chairman, reported, recommending their approval. The report was received and adopted.

The Committee to examine the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. G. L. Leyburn, D. D., chairman, presented its report. The *first* recommendation was adopted, and is as follows:

That the request of the Presbytery, that Synod rescind the first and third criticisms passed on the records at the last meeting of Synod, be granted; as there is in these criticisms a manifest, though unintentional mis-statement of facts

The remainder of the report was docketed for future consideration.

The Order of the Day was taken up, viz.: hearing the judicial case from Mecklenburg Presbytery. The complaint and the record of the Presbytery complained of were read; the parties were then heard as ordered in the adopted report of the judicial committee; the roll was called and an opportunity given for an expression of opinion. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: To sustain, 8; not to sustain, 68; to sustain in part, 10.

It was made the Second Order of the Day to-night to hear the report on Church and Christian Education and in connection therewith to hear the report of Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., on Peace Institute.

The Synod took recess until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The second recommendation of the committee to examine the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, was taken from the Docket and adopted, viz.: That the records be approved as far as written.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Directors of the Colored Academic and Industrial Institute, Rev. J. B. Morton, chairman, presented the following report, which was adopted:

1. That the thanks of the Synod be tendered to the Board for their arduous and faithful labors.

2. That Synod adopt their recommendation in reference to the appointment of Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., to canvass the churches for the purpose of raising money to relieve the Institute of debt.

Statistical Report to General Assembly.

3 We recommend the appointment of Rev. C. A. Munroe, Rev. C. G. Vardell, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., and Mr. A. A. Finley to fill the places of the members whose terms expire at this meeting and the appointment of Mr. A. M. Scales to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Geo. W. Watts.

4th. That Synod order that the collection for Colored Evangelization in December next be sent to the Treasurer of the Board to be used in this work

The Committee on the Report of Trustees of Synod, Rev. R. W. Culbertson, chairman, reported, "That no such report had been put into their hands." The report was received, and the Committee discharged.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have 600 copies of the Minutes of the present session printed.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report to the General Assembly, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of seven Presbyteries, and that these consist in whole of 152 ministers and 356 churches, having under their care 7 licentiates and 64 candidates, as follows:

Presbyteries.	Ministers.	Churches.	Licentiates.	Candidates.
Orange	26	56	0	17
Concord	31	57	3	15
Fayetteville	24	78	1	12
Wilmington	15	47	0	5
Mecklenburg	35	68	3	19
Albemarle	13	31	0	5
Asheville	8	19	0	1
Total	152	356	7	64

The Synod further reports that its next Stated meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church, Gastonia, N. C., on Tuesday before the last Sabbath of October, 1898, at 7:30 P. M.

By order of Synod.

J. ALSTON RAMSAY,
Stated Clerk.

Union Theological Seminary.

The Committee on the report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary, Rev. W. B. Arrowood, chairman, presented the following report which was received and adopted:

1. The Synod desires to express its profound sense of gratitude to God for the continued prosperity He has vouchsafed to this beloved institution; for the faithfulness of the Board of Directors to the trust committed to them; for the fidelity of its honored professors; for the increased number of consecrated young men, now larger than ever before, gathered within its walls; for the health, diligence and good deportment of the students and for all the manifest tokens of the Divine favor and blessing.

2. The Synod learns with pleasure that the new Seminary buildings at Richmond are approaching completion, and that our Seminary is expecting to open its session there next fall.

The Board of Directors having appointed a committee to awaken interest in the churches of the two Synods in the matter of furnishing and equipping the new Seminary Buildings when they shall be completed, this Synod most heartily commends the work of this committee to the liberal support of all her churches and people.

3. The following request comes from the Board of Directors, That the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia grant the Board of Directors authority to procure from the Legislature of Virginia an amendment to the Charter of the Seminary by which the following clause will be added to Section 2 of the amended acts of incorporation, approved, Feb. 25th, 1892, viz.: "and to confer proper literary degrees upon the graduates of said Institution."

We recommend that on the part of this Synod, this request be granted.

4. We recommend the re election of Rev. F. H. Johnston D. D., Rev. I. B. Morton and Ruling Elder B. F. Hall as members of the Board of Directors.

The following minutes touching the death of ministers deceased since the last meeting of the Synod were presented by the respective committees.

The memorial service was introduced by the reading of 22nd chapter of Revelation by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D.

The memorials are as follows:

REV. A. McMILLAN.

Rev. Andrew McMillan died at his residence in Richmond county, N. C., on the 8th of February, 1897, in the 83rd year of his age. He was a minister of the gospel for nearly 53 years, having been licensed by Fayetteville Presbytery, April 13th, 1844. The greater portion of his ministerial life was spent in the bounds of this Presbytery, serving now and then different churches therein as Stated Supply. For a time he was pastor of Bethel church in East Alabama Presbytery; and for a time was President of Clayton Female College in the same State. It was as an educator perhaps that he excelled and accomplished most for the Master. His death was triumphant.

Feeling conscious that the hour of dissolution was at hand, he said "My time is up," and closing his eyes he fell asleep in Jesus.

REV. W. W. QUICKE.

The subject of the minute, Rev. W. W. Quicke, was a native of England and a minister of the Reformed Episcopal Church in America.

In April of this year he was received as a member of the Presbytery of Albemarle, and after a brief illness he died about a month afterward in the town of Goldsboro.

The impression which this young brother has left behind him upon all who saw him for the first time, and in a very brief space of acquaintance, is especially pleasing and favorable. Beyond this and the witness borne for him in the testimonials presented, nothing is known by the brethren whose fellowship he sought, and was not denied; only this may be said, that his countenance was as of one who looked in upon them in their assembly for a few minutes from a brighter world, and then withdrew quickly to be seen no more.

Touching remarks were made by Rev. Messrs. H. G. Hill, D. D., E. Daniel, D. D., F. H. Johnston, D. D., and S. H. Isler.

The memorials were then adopted by a rising vote, and the Synod was led in prayer by Rev R. Z. Johnston.

Rev. Wm. Black and Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., were added to the Synodical Committee of Home Missions.

The Committee on Church and Christian Education, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., chairman, presented their annual report, which was received and adopted.

Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D., made a report on Peace Institute, which was received and approved, and the Committee continued. It is as follows:

Your Committee has had conference respecting the large interest entrusted to it, and has yet in consideration a plan by which it is hoped that a controling interest in the stock of Peace Institute may be brought into the hands of Presbyterians, and ultimately under control of the Synod

Very recently a proposition looking to this transfer has come to your Committee from the gentleman who controls a majority of the shares of this stock, and this proposition is more favorable than any that your Committee has hitherto received. The Committee is profoundly impressed with the importance of having this stock in the hands of Presbyterians, and, with this brief report of progress, would ask to be continued.

The Committee on the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

The interests of this great agency for the advancement of the Synod's work have received your Committee's most thoughtful consideration. The value of a Synodical organ for the promulgation of our plans of work, for a free interchange of thought, for a wide dissemination of Church news, is appreciated by every member of this Committee and, it is believed, is recognized by every member of this Synod. The strong desire of all is, that the influence of this organ may be brought to bear upon every individual and every family in this Synod. Your Committee is able to report that very recently there have been Providen-

tial developments tending to secure this most desirable result, as will appear by the following most important announcement:

The *North Carolina Presbyterian* has passed under new business management and new editorial control, and is soon to be published in a different city. With thorough harmony an arrangement of purchase has been effected by which the paper will be owned and published in the city of Charlotte, its editor to be Rev. A. J. McKelway, subject to the action of his church and Presbytery. It is believed that the way for Brother McKelway to assume this responsibility and to undertake this great work will be made clear. It is therefore fully expected that at a very early day this brother will be the editor of the *North Carolina Presbyterian.*

The contemplation of this very great change justifies your Committee in looking both to the past and to the future. For twenty-five years, with occasional intermissions or interruptions, the *North Carolina Presbyterian* has been under the management of Mr. John McLaurin, who has assumed all the financial responsibility involved in its publication. Mr. McLaurin now proposes to retire from this work which for so long a time has been bound up with the warmest affections of his heart and the strongest energies of his life. This Synod recognizes and warmly acknowledges the greatness of the service which Mr. McLaurin has rendered to the cause of Presbyterianism within our bounds. And now, as he withdraws from this work for which he has made so many sacrifices and in which he has done such noble service, the Synod places upon record its assurances that he has our warmest thanks for the work of the past and our prayers and our cordial wishes for his usefulness and happiness in the years to come. And now looking to the future: the Synod is happy to know that the editorial responsibility of this paper is, if the way be clear, hereafter to devolve upon one so able to bear it as the Rev. A. J. McKelway. Quick to think, ready to write and active both to plan and to execute, this brother may be expected to make the *North Carolina Presbyterian* a power for good not only within the bounds of this Synod, but all over the Church. The Synod recognizes his peculiar and eminent fitness for this work and, should he undertake it, pledges to him its cordial support. The Synod furthermore recommends that every pastor endeavor to introduce the paper into every family within our bounds.

It is expected that the first issue of the paper in its enlarged form, with additional room for correspondence and news items, will be made from Charlotte the first week in December.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Agent of Ministerial Education, presented his report, which was received, the recommendations adopted *seriatim*, and are as follows:

1st. That Synod endorse and reiterate the action and instruction of the General Assembly, viz.: That the Synod urge upon the Presbyteries to be exceedingly careful in recommending candidates for aid; the reasons for this recommendation being that the only practical test the Church has of true self-devotion in her candidates is requiring them to manifest it by the appropriation of their own means, or by their own personal labors and efforts, to their preparation for the holy office of the ministry.

2nd. That Synod in fixing the time for its annual meeting have respect to the annual collection for Ministerial Education, and select such time as will not interfere with it.

3rd. That Synod has heard with pleasure Rev. J. H. Lumpkin, the Assembly's Secretary of Education. The Synod heartily endorses the principles and methods governing the management of the beneficiary education of candidates enunciated in Secretary Lumpkin's address, and cordially commends this work to the prayers and gifts of all our churches and urges them and the Presbyteries to co-operate with the Assembly's Committee.

4th. That Synod urge the Presbyteries to accept the apportionments of the Assembly's Committee of Education.

Rev. Roger Martin and others presented a protest against the decision of the Synod in the judicial case from Mecklenburg Presbytery, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., and Ruling Elder J. H. Hill.

The Committee to audit the Books of the Treasurer of Synodical Home Missions, Rev. D. J. Currie, chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee has examined and audited the accounts of the Treasurer and found them correct. Also in most instances disbursements are sustained by proper vouchers.

Orphans' Home.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Regents of the Orphans' Home, Rev. W. B. Arrowood, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to recommend:

1st. That Synod express its profound gratitude to God for His continued favors to the Orphans' Home during the past year

2nd. That the Synod has heard with great satisfaction, from the report of the Regents, of the growing usefulness of this institution, both in the increase of its inmates, and in the efficiency of its educational work, and in the enlargement of its accommodations in the completion of the Centre Building, denominated by the Synod "Rumple Hall."

3rd. That the Board of Regents and the Superintendent of the Home, Rev. R. W. Boyd, be commended for the prudent and faithful discharge of the trust committed to them.

4th. That in view of the increased number of orphans to be maintained as soon as the Rumple Hall is finished, the Synod adopts the recommendations made by the Board of Regents, that an earnest effort be made to increase the support fund. This is a matter of vital importance, and our people should fully recognize it.

It is therefore recommended:

(1) That all our ministers and sessions be urged to make more earnest efforts to secure liberal contributions to this object on Thanksgiving Day, and upon other holiday occasions.

(2) That the list of regular monthly contributions be enlarged until every Sunday school in the Synod shall make a monthly contribution for the orphans; and that our various benevolent societies be requested to make the orphans one of their beneficiary objects.

(3) That farmers manufacturers, merchants and others be urged to contribute material aid to the orphans by giving of the products of the farm, the mill and the counter for this purpose.

5th. The Synod would express its deep sense of loss in the death of John E. Oates, a member of the Board of Regents and Treasurer of our Orphans' Home.

We recommend the election of Peter Marshal Brown, of Charlotte to fill the unexpired term of John E. Oates as a member of the Board of Regents. Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and Rev. C. G. Vardell are nominated for re-election as members of the Board to serve five years.

Protest of John W. Moore and Others.

6th. The Synod heartily commends to our people the paper published at our Home, *Our Fatherless Ones*, both for its own sake, as an evidence of the intelligence and progress of the pupils, and because of the fact, as appears from the Regents' report, that the income from the paper has in an emergency proved helpful to the support fund of the institution.

The special Committee to whom was referred the protest of John W. Moore and others, Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., chairman, reported recommending that the protest be admitted to record without answer. The report was received and adopted The protest is follows:

The undersigned respectfully make this their protest against the decision of the Synod of North Carolina in not sustaining the complaint of J. W. Moore and others, against the action of Mecklenburg Presbytery in employing an unlicensed candidate of another Presbytery to labor in two churches under its care.

The grounds of this protest are the following:

1. That we believe that such action is a virtual nullifying of all the laws and provisions of our Constitution requiring an educated and thoroughly qualified ministry; and which, at the same time, afford to our people protection from the guidance of crude and immature minds in their spiritual and eternal interests.

2. That it makes the unwritten law of custom, regardless of the character of that custom, supreme over the written and explicit law of our Book

3. That the sanctioning of this irregularity, by an influential and venerable Court, tends to throw wide open the door for the introduction and permanent abiding of other and more numerous inequalities, possibly worse.

4. That this utter disregard of provisions and laws, so explicit and direct, is eminently calculated to beget in our people a general indifference to and disregard for the provisions of our Book.

5 That it affords a strong pretext to our lower courts to argue away and disregard any of the wholesome restraints and safeguards of our Book. whenever convenience, expediency, or the Jesuitical doctrine, that the end justifies the means, inclines them to some favorite or popular procedure.

ROGER MARTIN.
JOHN W. MOORE.
R. Z. JOHNSTON,
J. S. SHAW.

Rev. J. McL. Seabrook, by request, presented the report on Sabbath Schools, which was received and approved.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. W. M. Shaw, chairman, presented the following report, which was received and approved:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence beg to make the following report:

1. Excused for absence from the last meeting of the Synod: Rev. Messrs. A. A. Little, S. W. Newell R. S. Arrowood, W. F Thom, H. S. Bradshaw, Cornelius Miller, J. A. Harris, W. T. Walker, R P. Smith, Joseph Crockard, S. O. Hall.

2. Excused for non-attendance at the present meeting of the Synod: Rev. Messrs. B L. Beall, J. J. Kennedy. A. McFadyen, R. V. Lancaster, H. D. Lequeux.

3. Excused for late attendance at the present meeting of the Synod: Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., Rev. Wm. Black.

4. The following members were granted leave of absence at this meeting:

After Wednesday—J. A. Holmes, Rev. W. H. White.

After Thursday—Rev. Messrs. T. H. Newkirk, H. S. Bradshaw, J R. Minter; and Messrs. F. J. Knox, L. H. Alexander, J. T. Hognn, D. F. Morrow, B. G. Bradley, J. H. Ball.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted:

With no ordinary pleasure the Synod of North Carolina makes grateful acknowledgement of the graceful and generous Christian hospitality and uniform courtesy and kindness shown to the members by the congregation of this church, and the good people of the community; and they do hereby return their hearty and sincere thanks for the same.

The Synod also returns thanks to the Board of Regents and other friends for the delightful outing to the Orphans' Home, afforded to the Synod by their considerate liberallty; also to the Superintendent, Rev. R. W. Boyd, and his numerous household (including the orphans) for the pleasant entertainment given at the Home to the Synod.

Synod also thanks the daily papers of Salisbury, the *Charlotte Observer* and its bright young reporter, Mr. Whitehead Kluttz, for courtesies shown and for their full reports of the proceedings.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., made a final report from the Committee on Devotional Exercises, which was received as information.

A vote of thanks was returned, by a rising vote, to Mr. Theo. F. Kluttz and the Committee of Arrangements for their kindly services which added so greatly to the comfort and pleasure of the Synod during the session.

The roll was called before final adjournment.

The minutes of the fourth day's session were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian church, Gastonia, N. C., on Tuesday before the last Sabbath (25th) of October, 1898, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. B. SHEARER,
Moderator.

Rev. P. R. Law,
Rev. W. R. McLelland,
Temporary Clerks.

A true copy from the records.
Attest:

J. ALSTON RAMSAY,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.

A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Orange reports:

1.—26 ministers; 56 churches; no licentiates; 17 candidates; 5 288 communicants; and thirty-six thousand, five hundred and four dollars ($36, 504.) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1897, being $1,261 more than was raised the year before.

2.—556 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination, 305; on certificate, 251.

3.—3 ministers were received, viz.: W. W. Doggett, D. D., April, 28, 1897; Joseph Evans, April 28, 1897; E. C. Murray, D. D., September 7, 1897.

4.—2 ministers were transferred, viz.: J. M. Greenlee, April 28, 1897; P. C. Morton, September 10, 1897.

5.—3 churches organized, viz.: Saxapahaw, organized May 30, 1896; Elkin (white), organized February 14, 1897; Snow Hill, organized March 21, 1897.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—No licentiates received.

8.—1 licentiate transferred, viz.: C. F. Rankin to Concord Presbytery, June 3rd, 1897.

9.—3 candidates received, viz.: W. M Sykes, April 28, 1897; J. C. Johnston, April 28, 1897; J. A. Paisley, June 2, 1897.

10.—No candidates transferred.

11.—No ministers died.

12.—3 ordinations, viz.: E. E. Gillespie, September 9 1897; John A. Paisley, September 9, 1697; S. H. Williamson, September 9, 1897.

Statistical Report—Orange Presbytery.

13.—3 installations, viz.: M. W. Doggett, D. D., at Burlington, June 6, 1897; Joseph Evans, at Milton, June 17, 1897; E. C. Murray, D. D., at Bethlehem church, September 9th, 1897.

14.—1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz.: Between Rev. N. B. Campbell and the Yanceyville, Bethesda and Stony Creek churches, June 3, 1897.

15.—5 Licensures, viz.: E. E. Gillespie, June 2, 1897; C. F. Rankin, June 3, 1897; H. W. Smith, June 3, 1897; J. A. Paisley, June 3, 1897; S. H. Williamson, June 3, 1897.

16.—20 Ministers in charge of 41 churches; 17 pastors; 5 stated supplies; 6 evangelists; no licentiates; no foreign missionaries.

17.—11 churches vacant.

18.—$648 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—15 manses, aggregate value, $22,390.

20.—No church in two counties, viz.: Ashe and Alleghany—no minister in Alleghany.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Durham, N. C., on 12th day of April, 1898.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

D. I. CRAIG,

Stated Clerk.

At Bethlehem Church, on 7th day of September, 1897.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord reports:

1.—31 ministers; 57 churches; 3 licentiates; 15 candidates; 5,258 communicants; and twenty-seven thousand three hundred and eighty-nine dollars, ($27,389,) aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1897, being $1,780 more than was raised the year before.

2.—480 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination 222; on certificate 258.

3.—3 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. Cornelius Miller, from Orange Presbytery, April 28th, 1897; Rev. W. J. Tidball, from Ouachita Presbytery, April 29th, 1897; Rev. John M. Greenlee, from Orange Presbytery, September 25th, 1897.

Statistical Report—Concord Presbytery.

4.—No ministers were transferred.

5.—3 churches organized, viz.: Patterson Mill, organized October 3rd, 1896; China Grove, organized May 12th, 1897; South Toe, organized September 19th, 1897.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved

7.—One licentiate received, viz.: Chas. F. Rankin, from Orange Presbytery, September 24th, 1897.

8.—No licentiate transferred.

9.—3 candidates received, viz.: Edgar Tufts, from Roanoke Presbytery, April 28th, 1897; H. C. Ingram, April 28th, 1897; Nathan H. William, May 18th, 1897.

10.—2 candidates transferred, viz.: W. M. Voils, to Presbytery of Missouri or Indian, April 28th, 1897; Nathan H. Williams, to Savannah Presbytery, May 18th, 1897.

11.—No ministers died.

12.—Four ordinations, viz.: W. C. Brown, December 12, 1896; W. L. Lingle, September 26th, 1897; Edgar Tufts, September 26th, 1897; Charles F. Rankin, September 26th, 1897.

13 —4 installations, viz.: W. C. Brown at Concord church, December 12th, 1897, and at New Salem, April 18th, 1897; Cornelius Miller, at Rocky River, June 13th, 1897, and at Zion June 12th, 1897.

14.—No dissolution of pastoral relations.

15 —2 licensures, viz.: Edgar Tufts and L. E. Bostian, May 19th, 1897.

16.—19 ministers in charge of 41 churches; 16 pastors; 2 stated supplies; 2 evangelist; 3 licentiates; 1 foreign missionary.

17.—No churches vacant.

18.—$614.00, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19 —16 manses, aggregate value, $24,000.

20.—No minister or church in one county, viz.: Yadkin county.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Mooresville, on the 15th day of April, 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

W. R. McLELLAND,

Stated Clerk.

At Salisbury Church, on 3rd day of Nov , 1897.

Statistical Report—Fayetteville Presbytery.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville reports:

1.—24 ministers; 78 churches; 1 licentiate; 12 candidates; 7,823 communicants; and twenty-six thousand, nine hundred and forty-six dollars ($26,946), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1897, being $1,023 more than was raised the year before.

2.—426 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination, 302; on certificate, 124.

3.—2 ministers were received, viz: C. H. Dobbs, Jr., April 21, 1897; H. T. Graham, October 7, 1897.

4.—1 minister was transferred, viz: Rev. S. M. Rankin, April 22, 1897.

5.—1 church organized, viz: Gibson, organized December 5, 1896.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—No licentiates received.

8.—1 licentiate transferred, viz.: C. E. Hodgin, June 8, 1897.

9.—5 candidates received, viz.: W. A. McLeod, April 22, 1897; W. M. Fairley, April 21, 1897; W. W. Bain, April 21, 1897; K. M. McDonald, April 21, 1897; K. L. McIver, April 22, 1897.

10.—No candidates transferred.

11.—1 minister died, viz.: A. McMillan, February 8, 1897.

12.—No ordinations.

13.—2 installations, viz.: Rev. D. Fairley at Galatia church, June 26, 1897; Rev. C. H. Dobbs, Jr., at Carthage church, June 20, 1897.

14.—1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz.: Between Rev. S. M. Rankin and Philadelphus, Antioch and Red Springs churches, April 22, 1897.

15.—1 licensure, viz.: C. E. Hodgin, June 8, 1897.

16.—24 ministers in charge of 78 churches; 11 pastors; 9 stated supplies; no evangelist; 1 licentiate; 2 foreign missionaries.

17.—7 churches vacant.

18.—$630 average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—5 manses, aggregate value, $5,500.

20.—No county without minister or church.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Carthage, on Tuesday, April 19, 1898.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST: P. R. LAW,

At Jackson Springs Church, on 8th day of Oct., 1897. *Stated Clerk.*

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully reports:

1.—15 ministers; 47 churches; no licentiates; 5 candidates; 3,175 communicants; and twenty-six thousand, nine hundred and sixty-eight dollars ($26.968), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1897, being $2.484 more than was raised the year before.

2.—234 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination, 191; on certificate, 43.

3.—2 ministers were received, viz.: R. V. Lancaster, from Concord Presbytery, February 2, 1897; Paul C. Morton, from Orange Presbytery, September 16, 1897.

4.—2 ministers were transferred, viz.: Ivanhoe Robertson, April 8, 1897, to Winchester Presbytery; B. S. Wallace, September 16, 1897, to Norfolk Presbytery.

5.—3 churches organized, viz.: Sweet Home, October 31, 1896; Chadbourn and Hub, May 25, 1897.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—No licentiates received

8.—No licentiates transferred.

9.—No candidates received.

10.—No candidates transferred.

11.—No ministers died.

12.—No ordinations.

13.—No installations.

14.—2 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. P. McIntyre and Grove church, April 8, 1897; and at the same time Rev. Ivanhoe Robertson and the churches of Keith, Pike and Mt. Williams.

15.—No licensures.

16.—11 ministers in charge of 43 churches; 5 pastors; 1 stated supply; 6 evangelists; no licentiates; 4 foreign missionaries without charges.

17.—4 churches vacant.

18.—$805 44, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches (outside of Wilmington the average salary is $471.77).

19.—2 manses, aggregate value, $10,000.

Statistical Report—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

20.—No county without a minister or church.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Burgaw, on the 5th day of April, 1897, at 7:30 P. M.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

A. McFADYEN,

Stated Clerk.

At Grove Church, on 17th day of Sept., 1897.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports:

1.—35 ministers; 68 churches; 3 licentiates; 19 candidates; 7,801 communicants; and sixty-three thousand, three hundred and ninety-nine dollars ($63,399), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1897, being $3,035 less than was raised the year before.

2.—626 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination, 377; on certificate, 249.

3.—8 ministers were received, viz.: R. D. Stimson, May 13, 1896; R. W. Alexander, May 13th, 1896: T. M. Lowry, October 6, 1897; J. S. Shaw, October 6, 1896; Jos. Crockard, October 6, 1897; T. J. Allison, Nov. 23, 1896; J. R. Howerton, D. D., February 11, 1897; M. McG. Shields, April 10, 1897.

4.—12 ministers were transferred, viz.: E. L. Siler, April 10, 1897; H. M. Parker, R. F. Campbell, J. L. Wicker, J. B. Cochrane, R. W. Alexander, J. S. Morrow, W. J. Williams, J. T. Wade, E. A. Sample, D. T. Towles, October 6, 1896; W. G. White, April 10, 1897.

5.—No churches received or organized.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7.—No licentiates received.

8.—2 licentiates transferred, viz.: E. D. Brown, May 13, 1896; W. M. Hunter, May 26, 1896.

9.—3 candidates received, viz.: L. A. Bennett and H. W. Hoon, May 13, 1896; T. B. Rankin, November 26, 1896.

10.—1 candidate transferred, viz.: James M. Forbis, April 10, 1896.

11.—3 ministers died, viz.: Wm. Graves, August 26, 1896; Jno. A. Preston, D. D., September 13, 1896; W. K. Boggs, October 9, 1896.

12.—1 ordination, viz.: R. W. Alexander, May 28, 1896.

13.—12 installations, viz.: S. W. Newell, at Amity, May 2, 1896, and at Newell, May 9, 1896; A. K. Boggs, at Waxhaw, May 21, 1896; R. W. Alexander, May 28, 1896, at Waynesville; Jonas Barclay, June 13, 1896; R. D. Stimson, May 18, 1896; Jos. Crockard, October 31, 1896; J. J. Harrell, November 29, 1896; J. S. Shaw, November 29, 1897; J. R Howerton, D. D., February 28, 1897.

14.—2 dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz.: W. G. White, April 10, 1897; E. L. Siler, April 10, 1897.

15.—2 licensures, viz.: S. W. Moore and H. W. Hoon, May 13, 1896.

16 —35 ministers in charge of 53 churches; 37 pastors; 6 stated supplies; 2 evangelists; 1 licentiate; 1 foreign missionary.

17.—12 churches vacant.

18.—$784, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—22 manses, aggregate value, $——.

20.—No county without minister or church.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Philadelphia, on Tuesday before full moon in April, 1898.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

JESSE W. SILER,
Stated Clerk.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle reports:

1.—13 ministers; 31 churches; no licentiates; 5 candidates; 2,037 communicants; and twenty-five thousand, two hundred and fifty-seven dollars ($25,257), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1897, being $1.269 more than was raised the year before.

2.—241 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination, 116; on certificate, 125.

3.—3 ministers were received, viz.: Rev. G. L. Leyburn, D. D., from La-Fayette Presbytery, November 11, 1896; Rev. W. W. Quicke, from the Reformed Episcopal Church, April 21, 1897; Rev. A. R. Shaw, from Fort Worth Presbytery, October 7, 1897.

Statistical Report—Albemarle Presbytery.

4.—2 ministers were transferred, viz.: Rev. W. D. Morton, D. D., to Central Mississippi Presbytery, November 11, 1896; Rev. R. W. Hines, to Central Mississippi Presbytery, January 8, 1897.

5.—No churches organized since last report.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved since last report.

7.—No licentiates received since last report.

8.—1 licentiate transferred, viz.: J. Stanly Thomas, to Wilmington Presbytery, October 8, 1897.

9.—3 candidates received, viz.: Thos. H. Watkins, April 21, 1897; Eugene C. Caldwell, October 6, 1897; J. Stanly Thomas, October 6, 1897.

10.—No candidates transferred since last report.

11.—1 minister died, viz.: Rev. W. W. Quicke, April, 1897

12.—No ordinations since last report.

13.—2 installations, viz.: Rev. G. L. Leyburn, D. D., at Newberne, November 12, 1896; Rev. A. R. Shaw, at Henderson, October 31, 1897.

14.—1 dissolution of pastoral relations, viz.: Rev. W. T. Walker at Nutbush, October 30, 1897.

15.—1 licensure, viz: J. Stanly Thomas, October 8, 1897.

16.—13 ministers in charge of 31 churches: 9 pastors; no stated supplies; 7 evangelists; no licentiates; no foreign missionaries.

17.—1 church vacant.

18.—$781, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—11 manses, aggregate value, $22,000: rental value, $1,700

20.—No minister or church in 13 counties, viz.: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Pamlico, Perquimans, Tyrell, and Northampton.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Tarboro, on the 12th day of April, 1898.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

F. H. JOHNSTON,

Stated Clerk.

At Littleton Church, on 8th day of October, 1897.

VII.—ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Asheville reports:

1.—8 ministers; 19 churches; no licentiates; 1 candidate; 1,000 communicants; and two thousand, one hundred and sixty-eight dollars ($2,168), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 1897.

2. 140 members were added to the churches during the year—on examination, 65; on certificate, 75.

3.—No ministers were received

4.—1 minister was transferred, viz.: Rev. J. S. Morrow, September 14, 1897.

5.—1 church organized, viz.: Andrews, July 30, 1897.

6.—No churches transferred or dissolved.

7—No licentiates received.

8—No licentiates transferred.

9.—No candidates received.

10.—No candidates transferred.

11.—No ministers died.

12—No ordinations.

13.—1 installation, viz.: Rev. J. B. Cochrane, at Murphy, July 31, 1897, and at Hayesville, August 1, 1897.

14.—No dissolutions of pastoral relations.

15.—No licensures.

16.—5 ministers in charge of 10 churches: 5 pastors: 3 stated supplies; no evangelists; no licentiates; 1 lady foreign missionary.

17.—5 churches vacant.

18.—$775, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.—4 manses, aggregate value, $3,800.

20.—No minister or church in 2 counties, viz.: Graham and Madison.

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at Murphy, on the 1st Tuesday in May, 1898.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

E. A. SAMPLE,

Stated Clerk.

At Bryson City Church, on 14th day of Sept., 1897.

B.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Orange respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1897:

1.—41	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$2,787.00
2.—36	"	"	Synodical " "	472.00
3.—34	"	"	Assembly's " "	302.00
4.—40	"	"	Foreign Missions,	4,042.00
5.—29	"	"	Publication and Colportage	153.00
6.—34	"	"	Education for Ministry	404.00
7.—24	"	"	Church and Christian Education	372.00
8.—36	"	"	Invalid Fund,	247.00
9.—33	"	"	Colored Evangelization	210.00
10.—17	"	"	Bible Cause	102.00
11.—26	"	"	Synodical Orphan's Home	1,680.00
12.—14	"	"	Miscellaneous	2,856.00
			Total	$13,627.00

Being $2,434 more than was raised the year before. 44 churches reported, and 16 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 41 to one or more of them.

12 churches made no report, viz: Worthville, Rongemont, Holloways, Griers, Gilead, Eno, Elim, Danbury, C. Memorial, Calah, Asbury and Snow Hill.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

D. I. CRAIG,

Stated Clerk.

At High Point Church, on 27th day of April, 1897.

Systematic Beneficence—Concord Presbytery.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1897:

1.—38	Churches contributed to	{Presbyterial Home Missions / Synodical " "}	$2,884.00
2.—30	" "	Assembly's " "	198.00
3.—41	" "	Foreign Missions	2,695.00
4.—25	" "	Publication and Colportage	71.00
5.—34	" "	{Education for Ministry / Church and Christian Education}	1,446.00
6.—34	" "	Invalid Fund	114.00
7.—32	" "	Colored Evangelization	134.00
8.—11	" "	Bible Cause	53.00
9.—14	" "	Synodical Orphans' Home	745.00
10.—19	" "	Miscellaneous	1,001.00
	Total		$9,341.00

Being $2,536 more than was raised the year before. 48 churches reported, and 7 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 41 to one or more of them. 7 churches made no report.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

W. R. McLELLAND,

Stated Clerk.

At Salisbury Church, on 3rd day of November, 1897.

Systematic Beneficence—Fayetteville Presbytery.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31st, 1897:

1.—58	churches contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions,	$1,610.00
2.—55	" "	Synodical " "	787.00
3.—43	" "	Assembly's " "	294.00
4.—62	" "	Foreign Missions,	3,959.00
5.—38	" "	Publication and Colportage,	215.00
6.—46	" "	Education for Ministry,	339.00
7.—36	" "	Church and Christian Education,	1,299.00
8.—52	" "	Invalid Fund,	201.00
9.—39	" "	Colored Evangelization,	132.00
10.—15	" "	Bible Cause,	88.00
11.—35	" "	Synodical Orphan's Home	8.24
12.—31	" "	Miscellaneous,	10.65
		Total	$10,813.00

Being $1,778 more than was raised the year before. 78 churches reported, and 15 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the church, and 63 to one or more of them.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

P. R. LAW,

Stated Clerk.

At Jackson Springs Church, on 8th day of Oct., 1897.

Systematic Beneficence—Wilmington Presbytery.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully submits the following Report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1897:

1.—27	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$ 1,575.88
2.—24	"	"	Assembly's " "	190.39
3.—22	"	"	Synodical Evangelization	529.02
4.—22	"	"	Colored "	94.31
5.—28	"	"	Foreign Missions	2,947.60
6.—20	"	"	Invalid Fund	141.69
7.—23	"	"	Education for the Ministry	260.11
8.— 1	"	"	Church and Christian Education	32.24
9.— 8	"	"	Bible Cause	39.23
10.—11	"	"	Publication and Colportage	59.61
11.—11	"	"	Barium Spring's Orphanage	688.66
12.—10	"	"	Miscellaneous	1,256.91
	Total			$7,286.65

Being $1,829.41 less than was contributed last year. Out of 47 churches 28 reported, and of them a very few contributed to all of the causes conducted by the Church and only one contributed to Church and Christian Education.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

A. McFADYEN,

Stated Clerk.

At Grove Church, on 17th day of Sept., 1897.

Systematic Beneficence—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

V —MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg respectfully submits the following Report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1897:

1.—55	churches	contributed to	{Presbyterial Home Missions} {Synodical " "}	$ 5,904.00
2.—33	"	"	Assembly's " "	367.00
3.—51	"	"	Foreign Missions	7,285.00
4.—39	"	"	Publication and Colportage	222.00
5.—51	"	"	Education for Ministry	1,153.00
6.—	"	"	Church and Christian Education	
7.—45	"	"	Invalid Fund	223.00
8.—35	"	"	Colored Evangelization	146.00
9.—16	"	"	Bible Cause	56.00
10.—	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home	
11.—30	"	"	Miscellaneous	10,387.00
		Total		$25,671.00

Being $4,792 more than was raised the year before. 60 churches reported, and 7 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 53 to one or more of them.

7 churches made no report, viz.: Machpelah, Columbus, Drusilla, Duncan's Creek, Henrietta, Lattimore and Sandy Plains.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

JESSE W. SILER,

Stated Clerk.

At Charlotte Second Church, on 21st day of Oct., 1897.

VI.—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Albemarle respectfully submits the following Report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1897:

1.—28	churches	contributed to	Presbyterial Home Missions	$ 2,534.23
2.—21	"	"	Synodical " "	601.74
3.—17	"	"	Assembly's " "	176.84
4.—25	"	"	Foreign Missions	1,090.30
5.—15	"	"	Publication and Colportage	94.91
6.—17	"	"	Education for Ministry	223.69
7.— 9	"	"	Church and Christian Education	41.91
8.—17	"	"	Invalid Fund	132.80
9.—15	"	"	Colored Evangelization	109.75
10.— 2	"	"	Bible Cause	11.00
11.—11	"	"	Synodical Orphans' Home	2,350.34
12.—17	"	"	Miscellaneous	3,634.46
			Total	$11,001.97

Being $5,698 more than was raised the year before. All (31) churches reported, and 2 of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 29 to one or more of them.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

F. H. JOHNSTON,

Stated Clerk.

At Littleton Church, on 8th day of October, 1897.

Systematic Beneficence—Asheville Presbytery.

VII —ASHEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of Asheville respectfully submits the following Report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 1897:

1.—	churches contributed to	{Presbyterial Home Missions} {Synodical " "}	$ 899.00
2.—	" "	Assembly's " "	24.00
3.—	" "	Foreign Missions	542.00
4.—	" "	Publication and Colportage	7.00
5.—	" "	Education for Ministry	44.00
6.—	" "	Church and Christian Education	
7.—	" "	Invalid Fund	17.00
8.—	" "	Colored Evangelization	38.00
9.—	" "	Bible Cause	3.00
10.—	" "	Synodical Orphans' Home	
11.—	" "	Miscellaneous	594.00
	Total		$2,168.00

17 churches reported, and —— of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and 17 to one or more of them

1 church made no report, viz.: Brevard.

By order of Presbytery:

ATTEST:

E. A. SAMPLE,
Stated Clerk.

At Waynesville Church, on 27th day of April, 1897.

C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee in submitting its Ninth Annual Report gratefully acknowledges the manifest blessing of Almighty God in past years as in the present one, and earnestly implores the continued presence of His Spirit, that the Kingdom of Jesus Christ may be extended and His name glorified.

During these nine years the work has grown from small beginnings to one that commands the attention of our whole Church, and it may not be amiss to record some of the results as gathered from former reports. Out of 31 counties of North Carolina (nearly one-third of the State) untouched by Presbyterianism nine years ago, 20 have already been entered by our workers, and one or more organized churches established in 13 of these. Through the blessing of God upon the labors of the Synodical Evangelists, some 40 Presbyterian Churches have been organized and about 3,000 souls brought into the communion of our Church.

During the year just closing it has been proved that the work of evangelizing this State lies upon the hearts of God's people here and that they only need a knowledge of the facts concerning that work to support it with cheerful and liberal offerings. It has also been proved that our beloved Church as represented by its devoted home missionaries is the peer of any in aggressive evangelistic work, and that it is growing more and more in favor with the people as the knowledge of its doctrines and principles is spread abroad.

THE SUPERINTENDENT,

Took charge the first of January but was unable to begin the work of canvassing the churches until the last Sunday in that month. He has given half of his time to the work, the other half to his pastorate. In connection with his work as Superintendent, Secretary and Treasurer, he has published in the interests of Home Missions within our bounds, *The Synodical Evangelist*, the subscriptions

to which, amounting to $200, have paid the expenses of postage, printing, stationery, envelopes, etc. The Superintendent's salary is $800, including traveling expenses. He has visited 22 churches of the Synod and has secured by personal appeal $5,150 in cash and subscriptions. He has attended seven meetings of Presbyteries. For the collections in June and September, envelopes were sent to all the churches. Five local evangelists have been secured and put into the field, and a special subscription has been raised for a sixth. Five new counties have been opened by our workers this year and a church organized in one of them.

Including the $331.88 received by Rev. William Black, the former Superintendent, in November and December of last year, there have been received during the year $5,435.05 in cash and $2,834.35 in unpaid subscriptions; total, $8,269.40. The debt of $800 reported at last meeting of Synod, had increased to $1,506.11 by January 1st. The Committee borrowed $1,000 to pay off the workers. This amount has been reduced to $800. Ten of the evangelists have been paid in full to October 1st, and the sum of $696 is due the rest of the workers up to October 1st, the beginning of the present quarter. Total indebtedness, $1,496.66; cash on hand, $60.91; due from churches on pledges, $2,834.85. Assets, $2,895.76. Excess of assets over liabilities, $1,398.60.

The Superintendent was instrumental in raising a church debt of $1,700, has held four evangelistic meetings in which there were 18 additions to the Presbyterian Church, and has secured a petition for the organization of a Presbyterian Church.

He is able to report the greatest diligence and activity on the part of the evangelists.

REV. WILLIAM BLACK,

General Evangelist, has labored two months as Superintendent and eight months as General Evangelist, beginning the latter work the first of February and being laid aside by sickness during August. He preached 320 times in 23 different counties, made 16 religious addresses, raised $923.22 for Synodical Missions and $1,100 for Church Erection and pastors' salaries, organized 3 churches and 2 Sunday schools, a fourth church with 25 members to be organized next week, and through his labors 238 members have been added to the Presbyterian Church. With the responsibility of raising the means for the Synod's work taken off his shoulders, Mr. Black has been able to do a work that was as pressing in its needs as it has been blessed in its results.

Synodical Missions.

REV. D J. CURRIE,

The pastor of Chapel Hill and New Hope churches, has held 115 services during the year, has had 9 additions at New Hope and 15 at Chapel Hill, and has raised $729 on his field for Church purposes.

REV. BARTH. SOULIER,

The pastor of the Waldensian Colony, has now a church numbering 130 members, with 7 additions during the year. He has raised about $300 for the building of his church, and, besides a flourishing Sunday school, has a Christian day school with 45 scholars in connection with his field.

MR. J. E. BALLOU,

A student of Union Seminary, was employed in Madison county, Asheville Presbytery, during the summer months. He held 42 services, was most diligent in exploring the county and visiting the people, and accomplished a great deal in preparing the field for a permanent supply.

The Committee secured

REV. E. MAC DAVIS,

As supply for this field, and he began his work the latter part of August. Much is hoped for from the permanent occupation of this field.

REV. L. A. M'LAURIN,

Evangelist of Mitchell county, has this year penetrated into Yancey county and has organized a church at South Toe, with 24 members. He has secured the sum of $325 for a building there. There have been 34 additions to his field this year, he has nine regular preaching points, four Sunday schools and two Christian day schools under Presbyterian control.

At our last report Mr. L. E. Boston had temporary charge of the work in Watauga county. He did faithful service until May when we secured

REV. EDGAR TUFTS

on his graduation from Union Seminary for this field. There have been 3 additions to his field and at a special meeting lately there were 5 professions of faith from those who expect to join our Church. He preaches at five points, one of

them recently opened, and has three Sunday schools and two day schools in connection with his work. There has been an interesting development at Pineola. A church has been erected there and it is hoped that an organization will soon be effected.

REV. EUGENE GILLESPIE AND JOHN GREY

Are laboring together in Alleghany, Ashe and Wilkes counties. With the help of Candidate R. L. Wharton, whose expenses were paid by one of these brethren, they preached at 25 points in these counties during the summer months and have now selected 16 of the most promising for permanent supply. There have been 28 professions of faith in services conducted by them though no opportunity has been given for any to unite with our Church as yet, as there are no Presbyterian organizations in two of these counties. $212 has been secured for a church building and the contract has been made for its erection. An organization in Ashe county is hoped for soon.

REV. C. W. ROBINSON

Has been laboring in Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties. He has seven regular appointments and there have been 30 additions to his field this year. One church building has been completed, and the sum of $1,265 was raised on his field for all Church purposes. There is one day school at Oakwood, and there were six additions to the Church from this point last month. The organization at Elkin has been completed by the ordination and installation of two elders and two deacons.

REV. JOHN WAKEFIELD

Is the evangelist of Brunswick county, Wilmington Presbytery. He has two churches and four preaching points regularly supplied, with three Sunday schools and one Christian day school. Four of these preaching points and one of the Sunday schools have been opened this year, a church building has been secured, there is a prospect of an organization at Southport, and $446 has been raised by Mr. Wakefield for Church purposes.

REV. P. C. MORTON

Labored for three months this summer in the new field in Columbus county, opened through the visit of the General Evangelist. There have been four ad-

ditions each to the new churches of Hub and Chadbourne, and a church building has been begun in Chadbourne. This field is already almost self-supporting and, as Mr. Morton has been called to Immanuel church, Wilmington, a supply must be secured.

Six evangelists in Albermarle Presbytery are aided by the Synodical Committee, and the Presbyterial Committee in almost equal measure.

DR. F. H. JOHNSTON

Labors in Beaufort, Halifax, Martin, Pasquotank and occasionally in Chowan and Washington counties. He supplies six churches and three preaching points, and has held 152 services. There are 5 Sunday schools in the field, 2 of them organized during the year. There have been 5 additions to the field. $275 has been raised for the completion of the church building at Aurora, and $623 in his field for all church purposes.

Of the nine counties north of the Roanoke river, only one has any Presbyterian representation at all.

REV. JAMES THOMAS,

Pastor of the Wilson group of churches has had a successful year. There have been several additions to his field, the building at Wilson has been remodeled, and the work is every way prospering.

REV. F. D. THOMAS

Labors in Nash and Lenoir counties. There have been 4 additions to the church at Rocky Mount, and the field is now almost self-supporting. The sum of $980 was raised for church purposes last year.

REV. C. N. WHARTON

Preaches in Warren, Vance and Halifax counties, at 3 churches and four other points. He raised $175 for the completion of the Littleton church and $744 on the field for all church purposes.

REV. E. D. BROWN

Has 99 members in the three counties of Lenoir, Craven and Pitt. There were 21 additions to his field last year and $395 raised among his churches.

Synodical Missions.

REV. W. T. WALKER

Preaches in Vance and Granville counties. Besides supplying his five churches Mr. Walker preaches at a colored Methodist church once a month. There have been 22 additions to his field this year and two new Sunday schools organized.

In addition to the work thus set forth it may be added that through the liberality of the Salisbury Presbyterian church a building has been erected at Spencer and the money subscribed for securing an evangelist for this interesting and important work in connection with the newly organized church at China Grove.

To sum up, we have had during the year 20 workers who have labored in 40 different counties, organized four new churches with two others ordered to be organized, added 400 members to the Presbyterian Church, organized 7 new Sunday schools and opened 25 new preaching points, begun or completed 8 new church buildings have the oversight of 7 Christian schools, and as an offset to the $6,166 expended upon the work have raised for church buildings $1,817 and for all church purposes $9,938 in their own fields or the churches visited

PRESBYTERIAL.

Besides the work conducted by the Synodical Committee, and sometimes in connection with it, the Presbyteries are doing their part to sustain the weaker churches and to open new fields. Mecklenburg Presbytery raised $2,000 for its own work, supplied four groups of Churches with the aid furnished, supported 3 mission schools and added 91 members. This is in addition to the valuable work done by the Presbyterial General Evangelist, Rev. R. P. Smith, who has traveled 7,500 miles, conducted meetings in 40 churches, brought four pastors into the field, opened up 4 new pastorates and aided in the erection of 3 church buildings.

Orange Presbytery has raised for Presbyterial Home Missions $2,094.25 for 4 groups of churches. In one of these fields there is now a pressing need for four new churches. Rev. R. W. George has been supplying the Stokes county field and one new church has been organized and 20 other members have been added in this field.

Fayetteville has raised about $1,200 for its own work, for two evangelistic fields, Johnston county and Rockingham, and for sustentation in two groups of churches. $700 has been raised for building a church at Hamlet, and arrangements have been made for securing a manse in Johnston county.

Concord Presbytery has expended $1,450 on its own mission work. Eight

local evangelists are aided and Rev. C. A. Monroe gives one-fourth of his time to general evangelistic work, and there have been some 50 or 60 professions of faith under his ministry. Two church buildings have been erected and two churches organized and eight mission points opened and there have been 80 additions to the churches.

Wilmington Presbytery has 5 evangelists, two of whom are chiefly supported by the Synod and raises $900 for its own work.

This is the first report from the Presbytery of Asheville. There is only one self-sustaining church in this Presbytery and one group which receives no outside aid. There are now 9 ministers on the roll and one more has accepted a call to Hendersonville.

There have been 135 additions to the churches, two churches organized, one church building erected, one school building erected. $207 was raised on the mission fields, and $900 for church erection. Outside of the work in Asheville there was raised $781 for Presbyterial missions.

Mecklenburg, the mother Presbytery, gives to Asheville, the daughter, $500 for mission work and the services of Rev. R. P. Smith for a part of his time. A great door and effectual is opened to us in Asheville Presbytery. There are many who are waiting for the Presbyterian Church to exemplify their ideal of what a church should be. There are places where the people also lack religious and educational privileges. The zeal and success of our Northern brethren in doing their work should beget in us neither envy nor sloth but a wholesome spirit of emulation and an earnest determination for the accomplishment of our own mission in this field.

Albemarle Presbytery needs two more workers and one more is an imperative necessity. This eastern section is rapidly filling up on account of the growth of the tobacco industry. One town of 800 members has a church population of only 100. The Presbytery is doing nobly its part, having raised $621,-97 for its own work, and it is hoped that its appeal for help for its 13 unevangelized counties will not be unheard

CITY MISSIONS

A most important city mission work is being conducted by several of the stronger churches.

A new organization will soon be effected in Charlotte and the prospect is excellent for the establishment of a third strong Presbyterian church. Rev. R. A. Wynne has accepted the call to Graham Street church.

Synodical Missions.

Concord church has secured the services of Rev. Chas. Rankin for its important mission work. Since the opening up of this work, one church has been organized, two buildings erected and a new pastorate formed. Durham church has just raised a subscription for another chapel. Besides employing Rev. C. W. Maxwell for the whole of his time it unites with the other denominations of the city in supporting a city missionary. Rev. H. T. Graham has been giving half of his time to the five mission points in the vicinity of Fayetteville church. A chapel named by the Session "Comfort Chapel" has just been completed.

Asheville church supports the work at Southside chapel and Immanuel church in Wilmington is mainly supported by the First church, Wilmington.

The Goldsboro church has two mission stations, and there is a prospect for an organization at one of them.

These instances are taken, one from each Presbytery, as samples of what is done in other churches, and encouragement is afforded by them to all our pastors to extend the influence of their churches to the regions lying near.

The Presbyteries have contributed to Home Missions in general as follows:

Presbyteries.	Synodical Missions.	Presbyterial Missions.	Assembly's Missions.	Local Missions.	Total.
Fayetteville	$ 976.75	$ 900.00	$ 294.00	$ 600.00	$ 2,770.75
Mecklenburg	842 04	2,000.00	533.00	4,000 00	7,195.14
Orange	1,112 96	2,094 00	3,302.00	1.200.00	4,708.90
Concord	871.90	1,450.00	194.00	1,400.00	3,844 00
Wilmington	719.48	900.00	222.00	900.00	2,741.88
Albemarle	592.92	622.00	175.00	275.00	1 664.92
Asheville	319.00	681.00	24.00	250.00	1,274.00
Total	$5,435.05	$8,647.00	$1,564.00	$8,625.00	
Total for Home Missions in this Synod					$23.671 49

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received by Rev. Wm. Black before January 1st	$ 331.88	
To proceeds of Note in Bank	492 50	
Disbursed to Evangelists		$ 824 38
Received by A. J. McKelway, from Jan. 1 to Nov. 3, 1897	$5,103 17	
Borrowed on Note in Bank	500 00	
Disbursed		5,342.26
Paid on Note		200.00
Total Receipts	$6,427 55	
Total disbursed and returned		$6,366 64
Balance on hand		60.91
	$6.427 55	$6 427.55

By order of the Committee.

A. J. McKELWAY,
Superintendent.

Publication and Colportage.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S AGENT OF PUBLICATION AND COLPORTAGE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Agent of Publication and Colportage would report:

1. The Agents of Presbyteries have reported that donations of books and periodicals have been made in all Presbyteries of our Synod. The contributions to the cause have been less in the aggregate than the year previous. The number of churches contributing has been greater. This year one hundred and seventy-five churches contributed $816 against $878 last year—a falling off of $62. There is something radically wrong here which can be corrected only by our Presbyteries and churches.

This cause is of great importance, and we are falling below our former attainments while other churches are aggressive and advancing. Our difficulty has been to have money enough to employ colporteurs in Synod and Presbyteries. Something should be done to increase our contributions.

As compared with last year:

Presbytery.	Year.	Amount Contrib'td.	Number of Churches Contrib'tg.	Year.	Amount Contrib'td.	Number of Churches Contrib'tg.
Albemarle.....	'95–'96	$ 88.00	9	'96–'97	$ 91.00	14
Asheville.....	'95–'96	.....	0	'96–'97	7.00	3
Concord.....	'95–'96	91.00	22	'96–'97	71.00	22
Fayetteville.....	'95–'96	172.00	51	'96–'97	215.00	53
Mecklenburg....	'95–'96	252.00	35	'96–'97	222 00	39
Orange.....	'95–'96	177.00	39	'96–'97	153.00	29
Wilmington.....	'95–'96	96.00	13	'96–'97	57.00	15

2. Synod's Colporteur has been able to work a few weeks in the last four months at great disadvantage by reason of feebleness from ill health.

3. The Agents of Presbyteries have reported no thorough and systematic work to introduce the publications of our Committee, to which a number of valuable books and tracts have been added. Your Agent would also call attention to the excellence of the work done in our *Earnest Worker. Quarterlies*, lesson leaves and papers, and urge our people to use these in preference to any others. Loyalty to our Church should prompt to this and the expense will be as light as for any other publications. If our churches would contribute more money and take our periodicals more generally they could be increased in volume and diminished in cost each year.

A. D. McCLURE,
Agent.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee will ask the Synod to remember the difficulties under which it labors in presenting its Annual Report. Unlike the Committee to which has been entrusted your Home Mission work, we have no distinctively Synodical enterprise. We co operate in all points with the General Assembly and to a certain extent their work is ours. This justifies, if it does not require, a review of the whole field that we may obtain a fair impression of all that is done to further this vital interest of our Redeemer's Kingdom. Our churches have cause to rejoice in the increased liberality of the Christian people who gave last year $143,741, which we learn from the Ex. Committee's report is an increase of $1,782 over the receipts of the previous year. As a matter of fact, however, since the legacies were about $10,285 less than before, the actual increase of regular contributions was $12 067. Attention has been called to the fact that $5,000 of this amount was the generous personal gift of an individual. Emphasis is also given to the reminder of our Ex. Committee that in 10 years our missionary force in the foreign field has been increased from 54 to 150 laborers, eleven of whom have gone to the field during the past 12 or 15 months.

We call your attention to the three agencies through which the Executive Committee seeks to disseminate missionary information. The first and most valuable one is *The Missionary* of which one has lately said that a better periodical is not published any where. There are 9,826 pay subscribers to this excellent monthly. It has been wisely continued at the low subscription price of 50 cents a year though this does not pay for its publication. The delightful little *Children's Missionary* is growing in popularity and usefulness, it having 6 059 pay subscribers at 25 cents a year.

A word ought also to be said about *The Prayer Calendar* which is at once an invaluable "compendium of missionary information and a guide to intelligent and definite prayer." We are informed that "about 2000 copies were distributed at 25 cents each last year and although this does not yield receipts quite sufficient to cover the expense of printing yet the Committee rightly argues that it is worth all it costs in the comfort it brings to the missionaries in assuring th m that at least by those who use the *Calendars* they are remembered and prayed for by name."

Foreign Missions.

We record with sorrow that since our last report four missionaries have ceased from their labors and "gone up higher to receive the reward for service well done." One of these who has passed beyond during the last few months, was the daughter of our veteran missionary, Dr. H. C. Dubose and the young and gifted wife of our beloved Brother Lacy L. Little, for whom the tender sympathies and earnest prayers of a large circle of friends have gone forth in these days of sorrow and loneliness.

SYNOD'S WORK

It may add interest to what we have said of the general work in which we are co-partners with our sister Synods, to gather up a few of the facts which reveal the part we have borne in this encouraging year of endeavor for the Master.

The churches of our Synod during the last year contributed $23,177, which, compared with the year before, shows an increase of $2,170, and also reveals the fact that North Carolina Presbyterians average seventy-one cents per member in their gifts to this cause. We are also proud to record that this places us at the head of all the Synods in our contributions to the enterprise of Missions.

The banner Presbytery of the Synod is Wilmington, which averages ninety-three cents a member. The banner church is Turkey Cove, which gave $5 per member. There are two churches which averaged $4 per member; three which averaged $3; seven which averaged $2, and thirteen which gave $1 and more. Eighty-one churches out of 350 (that is nearly one fourth of our number) gave nothing to Foreign Missions.

We have in our Synod seventeen men's societies, which contributed $2,499; 126 ladies' societies, contributing $5,162; and forty seven children's societies, contributing $722.

There are ninety three Sunday schools contributing to this cause, which gave last year $1,569.

The Synod of North Carolina has 1,378 pay subscribers to *The Missionary*.

We have now fourteen missionaries as our representatives in heathen lands, with two or three others under appointment.

THE PRESBYTERIES.

For further information we would look at our work by Presbyteries, and we ask attention to the following interesting facts:

Foreign Missions.

Albemarle.

Twenty-five churches contribute to this cause and 6 do not. No men's societies; 6 ladies' societies, which gave $227.82; 3 children's societies, which gave $49; 5 Sunday schools contributed $52. The whole amount of contributions was $1,086, averaging 50 cents per member.

Albemarle has no missinary in the foreign field, and none of its churches support a missionary.

There are 82 subscribers to *The Missionary*.

Asheville.

This infant Presbytery has 13 churches which contribute to Foreign Missions and 5 which give nothing—a remarkable record for a Home Mission Presbytery. There are 4 ladies' societies, giving $187.22; 4 children's societies, giving $20; 3 Sunday schools, giving $12. The whole amount of contributions is $633, averaging 63 cents per member.

Asheville Presbytery has one missionary in the field, Miss E. V. Lee, who labors in Mexico and is supported by the Ladies' Missionary Society of the First church, Asheville. One member of the First church supports a missionary who labors in the China Inland Mission

There are 56 subscribers to *The Missionary*.

Concord.

Forty-one churches contributed to this cause and 14 contributed nothing. One men's society gave $19.50; 17 ladies' societies gave $792 77; 7 children's societies gave $146 20; 10 Sunday schools gave $225. The whole amount of contributions is $3 242, averaging 60 cents per member.

Rev. Jno. W. Davis, D. D., and Mrs. Blain (Miss Grier) are the only missionaries of Concord Presbytery in the field. Two young ladies are under appointment. One member of First church of Salisbury supports a missionary, and Rocky River church has contributed $200 to the support of Mrs. Blain, *nee* Miss Grier in China.

There are 310 subscribers to *The Missionary*.

Fayetteville.

Seventy one contributing churches, 5 non-contributing. 12 men's societies gave $423 27; 53 ladies' societies gave $1,461.90; 18 children's societies gave $249 18; 28 Sunday schools gave $336.00. The whole amount of contribu-

tions is $3,959, averaging 50 cents per member. There are two ordained missionaries in the foreign field: Rev. L. L. Little and Rev. W. C. Buchanan. Mrs. Price, *nee* Miss Robertson, also represents Fayetteville Presbytery. Centre, Maxton and Ashpole combine to support a missionary. Laurinburg and Ida Mills provide for the support of Rev. W. C. Buchanan.

There are 368 subscribers to *The Missionary*.

This Presbytery has a very well-organized Ladies' Missionary Union, which meets once a year.

Mecklenburg.

Fifty contributing churches, 17 non-contributing. 3 men's societies gave $1,548.65; 14 ladies' societies gave $1,249.87; 8 children's societies gave $41.-63; 13 Sunday schools gave $405.00. The whole amount contributed was $7,-213, averaging 92 cents a member.

There are 7 missionaries representing this Presbytery: Rev. John Moore, Dr. L. L. Moore, Miss Lizzie Moore, Mrs. L. L. Moore, *nee* Miss Torrence, Mrs. Blain, *nee* Miss Grier, Mrs. Cannings, *nee* Miss Patterson, Miss Ella Houston.

The men's meeting of the First church support Rev. Dr. Davis and the Randolph Society of the same church provide for Mrs. L. L. Moore's support. The Second church, Charlotte, pays part of Mrs. Blain's support. Steel Creek raised $600 to support Dr. L. L. Moore. Monroe church supports Miss Lizzie Moore.

There are 346 subscribers to *The Missionary*.

Orange

Thirty-nine contributing churches and 17 non-contributing. 1 men's society gave $607.05; 15 ladies' societies gave $462.56; 5 children's societies gave $186.-32; 19 Sunday schools gave $292.00. The whole amount contributed is $4,-045, averaging 78 cents per member.

Rev. Chas. R. Morton represents this Presbytery in Brazil and is supported by the First church of Durham. The First church, Greensboro, supports Rev. Dr. Grennan, and the First church, Winston, supports Rev. Mr. Price.

There are 216 subscribers to *The Missionary*.

Wilmington.

Twenty-eight contributing churches and 17 non-contributing. 16 ladies' societies gave $484.16; 2 children's societies gave $29.70; 15 Sunday schools

Foreign Missions.

gave $147.00. The whole amount contributed was $3,000, averaging 93 cents a member.

This Presbytery has a Ladies' Missionary Union which meets during the Spring Session of Presbytery. There are 4 missionaries in the field: Dr. Geo Worth and wife, *nee* Miss Chadbourne, supported by the First church of Wilmington; Dr. Jas. B. Woods, supported by St. Andrew's church. Also Mrs. Curtis, *nee* Miss Johnson, who labors among the Taos in Siam. Miss Hines, a daughter of one of our ministers, is also under appointment as a missionary.

There are 112 subscribers to *The Missionary*.

ALBERT T. GRAHAM,

Chairman.

REPORT OF AGENT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Agent respectfully submits the following report:

STATISTICAL.

	Albemarle.	Asheville.	Concord.	Fayetteville	Mecklenburg.	Orange.	Wilmington.	Totals.
Candidates	5	1	16	12	20	17	5	76
High School	5	0	3	2	0	2	1	13
College	0	0	2	4	0	6	2	14
Seminary	0	1	5	4	0	0	2	12
Teaching	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	7
Dropped	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Aided	0	0	7	0	10	9	3	29
Churches Cont'btd.	19	6	33	63	50	38	30	239
Amt. Contributed	$2,606	$44	$1.446	$1.638	$1.150	$2.456	$390	$9.733

These figures show a gain of two candidates, and of $3,961 over last year.

They farther show, by comparison with the report of the Assembly's Treasurer of Education, that a comparatively small proportion of the churches' gifts to this cause was sent to and distributed by the Assembly's Committee of Education.

They also disclose the fact that over a hundred churches in the Synod failed to make any contribution to this important cause.

L. B. TURNBULL.

Agent.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S COMMITTEE ON CHURCH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Synod's Committee on Church and Christian Education beg leave to report:

The revival of interest in this department of church work continues unabated, and we record with gratitude the tokens of Divine favor and blessing.

1. Davidson College has 180 students already enrolled this term, which is the largest number of any year in her history, and twice as many as ten years ago. She mourns the loss of her senior professor, W. D. Vinson, LL. D., Professor of Mathematics, who died in the triumph of faith in August last. Large additions have been made to the facilities for instruction, and the very prosperity of the College calls for larger liberality from her friends, and larger revenues in order to keep in fair and honorable competition with all.

2. Among the female schools Peace Institute stands prominent because of its age, and because of the general relation it has occupied to the entire Synod, and because of the great work done there for the Master. Under the wise and skilful administration of Prof. James Dinwiddie the school is larger, and is doing more satisfactory work than ever.

3. The Red Springs Seminary for girls, under the care of Fayetteville Presbytery, has entered upon its second year. The first year's success made necessary a new dormitory building which has been provided. Under the management of Rev. C. G. Vardell, president, the school buildings are already full and boarders are finding homes in the families of the village. The great financial success of this school has excited much comment.

4. The Female College in Charlotte under the joint control of Concord and Mecklenburg Presbyteries has entered upon the second year under the care of Miss Lillie W. Long. A goodly number of boarders and a large number of day scholars make the school a real success, and there is every prospect of its proving a great blessing to a large constituency.

Church and Christian Education.

5. The Statesville Female College, after the lapse of many years, again belongs to the Presbyterian Church. President J. B. Burwell, so widely known as an educator of girls, has charge of the school and is much encouraged with the patronage and the outlook; and it is certain that the Church will not be slow to recognize the many advantages offered there.

6. The James Sprunt Institute recently founded by Wilmington Presbytery at Kenansville, N. C., has entered upon its first year and already gives assurance of the wisdom of multiplying schools for our girls. This school is under the care of Rev. R. V. Lancaster.

It is in the hearts of your committee to say much more about all these schools, but our limited space forbids.

7. There is an increasingly large number of local schools, male and female, in our bounds, parochial schools, private and neighborhood academies, and boarding and day schools. These are becoming more and more the hand-maids of religion, and more closely connected with the Church.

It is to be noted also with thanksgiving that teachers in public and private schools which recognize no denominational allegiance are in many places giving much more emphasis to moral and religious teaching.

8. The Presbytery of Concord has for several years conducted the mission schools in her mountain fields through a board of trustees who own property and raise the funds necessary to insure success. This board had four schools in successful operation the past year, having in the aggregate five teachers and over two hundred pupils. These teachers are missionaries in their respective fields. Mecklenburg Presbytery is also starting systematic effort under Presbyterial control and has already two schools with three teachers and 165 pupils. Besides this some work is already begun in other Presbyteries as part of the work of Presbyterial and Synodical Missions. Much sporadic mission school work of great value and signal blessing is done by many churches, of which your Committee can make no detailed report.

9. It will be seen from the financial statement that a larger number of churches have contributed to this cause than ever before. The aggregate, however, is not very much increased, owing, no doubt, to the large amounts expended on the female schools named, and on many local enterprises.

Over one hundred churches and ladies' societies have contributed $965.75. Of this amount $127.53 from Orange Presbytery went directly to their necessities; $64.41 was expended in Mecklenburg Presbytery; $48.91 went to Red

Springs Seminary; $161.31 goes to Davidson College; $13.10 Committee expenses for printing, postage, etc. Besides, $250 (special) to Davidson College, and $300.49 (special) to Concord Presbytery's Mission Schools.

10. Your Committee recommend the same apportionment for this cause as heretofore, to-wit: Orange, $250; Concord, $300; Fayetteville, $300; Wilmington, $200; Mecklenburg, $300; Albemarle, $100; Asheville, $50. Total $1,500.

11. Your Agent and Chairman sent the usual circular letter to the churches, and will do so again unless otherwise directed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Statement of collections for Church and Christian Education, for the year ending November 1st, 1897:

COLLECTIONS—ALBEMARLE PRESBYTERY.

Raleigh	church	$ 9.56	
Washington	"	12.00	
Oxford	"	1.00	
Henderson	"	8.00	
Cann Memorial	"	2.00	
Nahalah	"	1.00	
Parmele	"	.50	
Aurora	"	.50	
Roanoke	"	.25	
Mackey's Ferry	"	.25	$ 35.06

CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Concord First	church	$ 4.90	
Statesville	"	6.28	
Sherrill's Ford	"	.48	
Taylorsville	"	3.82	
Salisbury	"	5.00	
Mooresville	"	4.20	
Bethesda	"	1.00	
Trontman	"	.72	
Shearer Chapel	"	1.31	
Davidson College	"	34.39	$ 62 10

Church and Christian Education.

MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

Bethel	church	$ 1.00	
Huntersville	"	5.00	
Mallard Creek	"	2.16	
New Hope	"	2.32	
Shiloh	"	1.75	
Long Creek	"	2.61	
Hopewell	"	1.72	
Mulberry	"	7.90	
Pleasant Hill	"	10.00	
Steel Creek	"	10.32	
Maxhaw	"	10.00	
Charlotte First	"	31.10	$ 85.88

FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Cameron	church	$ 5.00	
Ben Salem	"	.56	
Church of the Covenant		1.77	
Lumberton	church	6.20	
Maxton	"	2.89	
Salem	"	2.35	
Sandy Grove	"	2.18	
St. Paul	"	6.53	
Bethlehem	"	1.75	
Big Rockfish	"	2.40	
Centre	"	2.02	
China Grove	"	.50	
Cypress	"	.20	
Gibson	"	2.00	
Gulf	"	3.30	
Ida Mills	"	4.11	
Iona	"	1.00	
Jackson Springs	"	2.80	
Laurinburg	"	12.32	
Lumber Bridge	"	8.01	
McPherson	"	1.80	
Mt. Pisgah	"	1.25	

Church and Christian Education.

Mt. Tabor	church	$ 1.00	
Red Springs	"	.58	
Rockingham	"	1.94	
Sanford	"	2.91	
Shannon	"	1.00	
Sharon	"	1.26	
Summerville	"	1.00	
Union	"	1.00	
Other churches not named		16.18	$ 97 81

WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Wilmington First church		$ 1.75	
New Hope	"	3.11	
White Plains	"	.62	
Sweet Home	"	1.40	
			$ 6.88

ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Winston First church		$ 32.37	
Alamance	"	4.22	
Elkin (white)	"	4.79	
Reidsville	"	5.00	
Speedwell	"	.50	
Milton	"	1.00	
Roxboro	"	2.00	
Mebane	"	2.00	
Bethlehem	"	.50	
Little River	"	1.10	
Bethesda	"	2.50	
Yanceyville	"	2 12	
Hillsboro	"	4.67	
Bethany	"	.45	
Wentworth	"	1.70	
Durham	"	35.68	
N. Wilkesboro	"	3.81	
Greensboro	"	16 70	
Chapel Hill	"	5.40	
Springwood	"	1.02	$127.53
Total			$415.26

Foreign Missions.

EXPENDITURES.

Printing circular letter, circulars and cards, and postage	$ 13.10	
By Orange Presbytery	127.53	
By Mecklenburg Presbytery	64.41	
By Fayetteville Presbytery	48.91	
To Davidson College	161.37	$415.26

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Reported through this Committee to Mission Schools by 11 churches and societies in Concord Presbytery	$300.49	
Special at Davidson College	250.00	
Total special		$550.49
Add collections as above		415.26
Total reported		$965.75

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHEARER,

Agent and Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Among the agencies which are pressing their claims upon the attention of our pastors and churches, the American Bible Society is one of the most important. Not only because of its intrinsic merit but also on account of its present straits and difficulties.

The opportunity and demand for the enlargement of its work, both at home and abroad, were never greater: but instead of being able to meet this demand the American Bible Society is now seriously embarrassed and the continuance of its usefulness is actually threatened. The receipts for the last year ending March 31, both from legacies and gifts, were $77,000 short of the expenditures which amount added to the shortage of the previous year makes a deficit for two years of over $156,000. In consequence the Society has been compelled to stop its colportage work at home and to curtail its missionary appropriations in foreign lands, and for the first time in its history to decline to print two translations of the Scriptures which had been prepared and which were greatly needed.

The Society has further been compelled to consider some radical changes in its plans and policy in order to reduce its expenses. The remnant of a large legacy held in reserve alone has prevented a calamity and this reserve is now well nigh exhausted.

The impending crisis before the Society should alarm its friends everywhere and arouse them to action. It would be difficult, indeed, to estimate the far reaching effects of such a disaster as the suspension of this work and the blotting out of existence this time-honored institution. Let us bear in mind the several ways by which the pastors and churches within our bounds can materially help this cause and promote its usefulness.

1. We can more earnestly exalt and commend the sacred Scriptures before the people and plead for an increased regard for and use of the Word of God.

2. We can encourage the work of the American Bible Society by purchasing and distributing its publications and by directing attention to the local depositories.

Bible Cause.

3. We can enter more heartily into the work of the local society in our own particular neighborhood.

4. We can be more solicitous to secure larger and more regular contributions.

It is appalling to consider the showing made in last year's reports by churches in North Carolina. Two churches in Albemarle Presbytery contributed $11.00; twenty-nine contributing nothing. One church in Asheville Presbytery, $3.00; seventeen, nothing. Nine churches in Concord Presbytery $50.00; forty-six nothing. Twenty-five churches in Fayetteville Presbytery, $88.00; fifty-three, nothing. Sixteen churches in Mecklenburg Presbytery, $56.00; fifty-one, nothing. Seventeen churches in Orange Presbytery, $102.00; thirty nine, nothing. Five churches in Wilmington Presbytery, $36.00; forty, nothing. A total of only $346.00 from seventy-five churches, while two hundred and seventy-five churches made no contributions whatever.

ROBERT E. CALDWELL,

Chairman.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLORED ACADEMICAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Board respectfully submits the following report for the scholastic year 1896-'97.

During the year the Institute has been conducted seven months, and forty students, including thirty boarders and nine day pupils have been in attendance. These represented seven counties. The conduct of the students has been exemplary and their habits studious and industrious. Their attendance upon and conduct of religious services in the Institute has been highly gratifying and encouraging. Eight of the students were professing Christians and others gave evidence of personal religious interest. The girls were regularly taught in domestic work and the boys in agricultural, horticultural and artisan branches.

Valuable and necessary improvements have been made in the buildings—additional buildings have been erected. The land has been brought under more thorough and responsive cultivation. Liberal contributions have been made to the living expenses of the pupils and teachers in crops, etc., raised by the faithful work of the students.

The Superintendent, Rev. S. G. Walker, has personally solicited funds in support of the Institute. He was disappointed in the failure of parties to redeem conditional promises of liberal contributions to the Institute. Certain churches in the Synod which had been counted upon for support were obliged to deny our Superintendent the opportunity to present the Institute to their people for their gifts. Though the gifts to the Institute have exceeded those of last year, yet all told, from all sources they have amounted to only $608.54, a large portion of which was not in money but only in clothing.

The Board entered upon the year with a debt of $762.40 which was reported to the last meeting of Synod. In making absolutely necessary additions to the buildings and in meeting the meagrest current or living expenses of the Institute, the Board has been obliged to increase this indebtedness which now amounts in round numbers to $1,700. A part of this indebtedness is in the

Academical and Industrial Institute.

form of bills for supplies and materials, and a part in notes endorsed by private individuals. Some parties to whom the Board owes money are pressing payment. Individual members of the Board have come forward and advanced the loan of several hundred dollars to meet immediate demands. Other members have generously agreed to meet the notes in part The balance of the debt can be carried a short time longer. It must be made plain and understood that this debt became necessary by reason of the failure of the churches of Synod to support, by their gifts, the school of their own creation and by reason of the fact that the Synod entrusted to the Board a great work without any implements with which to do the same. The debt has been largely created by erecting necessary buildings to house and home the Institute: which now stands as the equipment of the school and the proof of the wise expenditure of the money.

In order to provide for and cancel this indebtedness and to conduct the school the coming year, the Board makes the following recommendation, viz.:

1. That Synod provide for a sinking fund and appoint Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., to canvass the churches of the Synod to raise the amount of the debt.

2. That Synod order that the entire collection for the Colored Evangelization in December next be forwarded to the Treasurer of this Board to be used in this work.

In conclusion, the Board would encourage and urge Synod to stand by and support this institution of its own creation, believing that if it is sustained during the weakness and dependency of its infancy it will realize the hopes of Synod and justify the wisdom of converting all the gifts of our churches to the evangelization of the colored people of our Synod to this the only enterprise we have in the State for the colored people.

REPORT OF REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

It is with peculiar pleasure, and gratitude to God, that the Regents of the Orphans' Home present this, their ninth annual report, to the Synod of North Carolina. When you committed this work to their care in Goldsboro, in 1888, we received nothing but a rented house and a little furniture, and the good will and hearty co-operation of the kind ladies of Charlotte. It was not until 1891, in Durham, that we were able to report a Home of our own, estimated as worth about $3,000. But that was scarcely reported before the Home was consumed by fire, and the children were again in a rented home near Statesville. In 1892 the Regents had the pleasure of inviting the Synod to visit and dedicate the two beautiful cottages, which have been the Home of our children to the present time. And this year we have the pleasure of presenting to the Synod our long desired and much-needed Centre Building, asking you to accept it, and dedicate it to the service of God by caring for the support and training of His fatherless children.

I.—MEETING OF THE REGENTS.

Soon after their appointment a year ago, your Board of Regents met in Charlotte, and after organizing, elected a Superintendent, matrons and teachers, and appointed an Executive and Building Committee, and gave such directions as to the erection of the Centre Building and the management of the Home as they thought necessary.

On the 24th of August, 1897, in consequence of the death of our dearly beloved fellow Regent and faithful Treasurer, Mr. Jno. E. Oates, the Regents were called together at Barium Springs, and elected to fill the term of Mr. Oates until the present meeting of Synod, and also as our Treasurer, Mr. Peter Marshall Brown, of Charlotte, who kindly accepted the position and has faithfully served us until now.

The Regents have also held a third meeting, in Salisbury, hearing and examining the annual reports of our officers and committees, and in receiving and approving the present annual report.

Orphans' Home

The attendance of the Regents has been as follows, viz.: Mr. Geo. W. Watts, Rev. W. R. McLelland, Mr. S C. Rankin. Rev. J. Rumple, D. D.. Rev. C. G. Vardell, Mr. P. M. Brown, Rev. J. W Stagg, M. W. Hill, M. D., Mr. Jno. E. Oates, Rev. D. I. Craig, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

The term of Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., and of Rev. C. G. Vardell expires at this meeting, and Mr. Jno. E. Oates, whose term expires in 1899, having been removed by death, the Synod is requested to fill these vacancies.

II.—TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

The Treasurer's accounts have been properly audited and found to be correct.

For the year ending September 30, 1897, the receipts of the

SUPPORT FUND

Have been	$3,710.10
Deducting a deficit of last year	102.14
Leaves	$3,607.96

The disbursements for this cause have been $4,145.27, leaving a deficit of this fund of $537.29.

BUILDING FUND.

Balance on hand September 30, 1896	$2,136.36
Receipts to " " 1897	6,459 11
Total	$8,595.47
Disbursements	$8 469.90
Leaving balance of	$ 125.57

PRESS FUND.

Balance on hand September 30, 1896	$312.04
Receipts to " " 1897	214 96
Total	$527.00
Disbursements to September 30, 1897	61.31
Balance to credit of Press Fund	$465.69
The total receipts to September 30, 1897, have been	$12,730.43
Total disbursements	12,676.46
Leaving a net balance of	$ 53.97

Upon this statement it may be remarked that had it not been for the profit in the Press Fund, there would have been a net deficit of several hundred dollars. From this may be seen the importance of our little bi-weekly, *Our Fatherless Ones*, and the expediency of pushing its circulation more widely among our people.

III.—THE CENTRE BUILDING.

Your Board of Regents have the pleasure of presenting to the Synod our long desired Centre Building, completed, but not furnished. The total cost has been $9,732.54. All this has been paid, or provided for with the exception of the small sum of $87.51. The cost of the building is nearly $300 less than the estimates of the architect, while its construction is of the best material, and after the most durable and safest model. Your Regents hope that steps will be taken to furnish the building as soon as possible, that it may be occupied for winter's use. The principle furnishing required is a hot air furnace costing about.....dollars; seating for the chapel and part of the school rooms, costing about..... . ... dollars, and furnishing for dormitories costing about..... dollars apiece. There are other minor furnishings, the whole costing about .....dollars. The largest contributions to the Building Fund have been from the estate of Mrs. E. G. Read, a bequest of $2.000; a bequest by Miss Jennie Johnston, of Charlotte, of $1,000; and gifts from Mrs. S. P. Lees, of New York city, of nearly $2 000. Besides these there have been liberal gifts from a number of generous men and churches. The President of the Board regrets that the duties of an extensive pastorate have prevented him from visiting, as requested by the Regents, with the endorsement of Synod, many of our larger churches. He, however, visited Fayetteville, Winston, Graham and Burlington churches with encouraging success.

IV.—SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Our devoted and hard working Superintendent, Rev. R. W. Boyd, has furnished the Regents with a full and satisfactory report of the condition of your Orphans' Home for the past year. As this report gives us an account of the internal working of the institution, which it would be a pity to abbreviate, the Regents will make it a part of their report. It is as follows:

To the Regents of the Orphans' Home:

DEAR BRETHREN:—In submitting my annual report of the condition and work of the Orphans' Home for the year just closed, I am happy to be able to

Orphans' Home

say that, taken altogether, the year has been the most satisfactory one in the history of the institution. More children have been provided for and, notwithstanding the crowded condition of our buildings, the children have enjoyed excellent health—in all our large household during the entire year there has been but one case of sickness that caused anxiety, and that only for a few days.

In addition to the great improvement made by the erection of the new building, the moral tone of the Home has been still further elevated and the educational features of it greatly improved. The mornings of each day are given to manual labor and the afternoons to study. For the smaller children school exercises are held in the morning and the afternoons given to light labor and recreation.

All children are exercised in studying the Scriptures and catechisms and many are able to recite the entire Shorter Catechism. On the Sabbath, in addition to the separate teaching of the different classes in the Sunday school lessons, the Superintendent assembles the whole family for the expounding and enforcing the lesson of the day.

Twelve of the children united themselves with the Church since last report, and others have been giving a like step serious thought.

I feel profoundly thankful for the efficient and self-denying helpers God in His providence has brought to my aid in the work. They have been diligent, skillful and unwearied in their work, and eternity alone can reveal the important part they have performed in securing the high success that has marked the progress of the institution.

During the year 90 children have enjoyed the privileges of the Home. Of these 56 were girls and 34 boys. 16 have passed out of the Home, and 16 have been received into it. The highest number present at any one time was 83, and the average present during the year 80.

Of these that passed out of the Home, 9 arrived at orphanage majority, 6 returned to their friends and 1, received a place in a Christian family. Those who attained orphanage majority are engaged in the various pursuits of life and, so far as known, doing well.

The products of our farm and garden, although much injured by the drought, have been 350 shocks of oats, 1,350 bundles of fodder and tops, 5 loads of hay, and corn (estimated) 300 bushels, pork slaughtered 2,150 pounds. We have 8 head of cattle of which 6 are milch cows and 2 are oxen, 26 head of hogs and 2 horses.

We had the misfortune to lose, by sickness, our most valuable horse. The donations received during the year have been valued as follows:

Outfits for children	$ 490.20
Old clothing	36.32
New material	223.78
Quilts	22.00
Provisions, etc	407.75
Miscellaneous	2.85
Furniture and fixtures	18.00
Total	$1,200.85

Orphans' Home.

Many boxes of fruits, confections and toys were received at thanksgiving and Christmas making these seasons bright spots in the lives of our orphan household. A valued Christmas present was a box of 68 books from Mr. Geo. W. Watts, all wisely selected. These have been an unfailing source of pleasure and information to our children.

The improvements made, in addition to the new building of which the Building Committee will report, have been the clearing of about six acres of land, the setting out of about 200 fruit trees and grape vines, donated by friends, and the enclosing of additional pasture land, also the rolling of the laundry back to the farmer's house, which combination will give full room for all laundry purposes

The blessing of God on the labors of the year are most thankfully acknowledged.

Praying that God may guide you in this and all things.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. BOYD,

Sup't Orphans' Home.

Your Board of Regents would call special attention to the great relief given to the Home by the gifts in hand sent in by various generous friends and societies, amounting to $1.200 in value.

The Regents in looking over the premises find that there is need of a building furnishing a separate residence for the Superintendent's family, and they are considering the practicability of supplying this much needed convenience as soon as it can be done.

V.—THANKSGIVING AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.

In view of the increased number of orphans to be maintained as soon as the Centre Building is furnished, your Board of Regents recommend that an earnest effort be made to increase the support fund. This is a matter of vital importance, and our people should fully recognize it. It is therefore recommended,

1st. That all our ministers and sessions be urged to make more earnest efforts to secure liberal contributions to this object on Thanksgiving Day, and upon other holiday occasions.

2d. That the list of regular monthly contributions be enlarged until every Sunday school in the Synod shall make a monthly contribution for the orphans, and that our various benevolent societies be requested to make the orphans one of their beneficiary objects.

3rd. That farmers, manufacturers, merchants and others be urged to contribute material aid to the orphans by giving of the products of the farm, the mill and the counter for this purpose.

VI.—ESTIMATES OF VALUE OF PROPERTY.

Your Superintendent has not only kept in repair your property, but from year to year has increased its value, so that it bids ere long to be one of the most valuable and tasteful places in the State. The estimates of value are:

Ninety-four acres of land	$ 1,200.00
Two furnished cottages	1,100.00
Infirmary and furnishing	1,400.00
Outbuildings, cattle, etc	2,500.00
Centre Building	10,000.00
A total of	$27,100.00

Approved, Salisbury, N. C., November 2, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

J. RUMPLE,

President.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee respectfully present the following report:

First, a comparative statement of the work done in 1896 and 1897:

Presbytery.	Schools.		Teachers.		Scholars.		Churches.	Churches not Reporting.	Church Membership.	Rec'd on Prof'sn of Faith
	'96.	'97.	'96.	'97.	'96.	'97.	'97.	'97.	'97.	
Albemarle.....	21	23	180	189	1,253	1,363	31	8	2,037	.....
Asheville.....	.....	12	.....	92	.....	796	.....	6	1,000	.....
Concord.....	42	42	466	495	3 896	4,009	78	13	5,358	104
Fayettville.....	71	75	486	439	4,263	4,318	78	3	7.823	169
Mecklenburg....	59	53	635	651	5,516	5,411	67	14	7.801	.....
Orange.....	52	52	460	326	3,571	4,036	56	15	5,288	158
Wilmington.....	31	27	202	197	1,604	1,497	45	18	3.175	85
	276	284	2,427	2,389	20,103	21,430		77		516

Second, attendance: You will note that there has been a substantial advance. Eight more schools reported, and 1000 more scholars, the total passing the 21,000 mark. And yet much remains to be done. Seventy-seven churches in the Synod either have no school, or report none. All the Presbyteries report increased numbers in attendance, except Mecklenburg 105 less, and Wilmington 107 less.

Third, contributions: On account of lack of data, we are not able to make a full report. Ten schools contributed $123.68 to Home Missions; ten contributed $183 67 to Foreign Missions; ten contributed $243.00 to Education; two contributed $13.98 to Bible Cause, and many schools report no collection for the causes of the Church.

Fourth. It is interesting to note that in the four Presbyteries reporting the number added on profession of faith from the Sunday Schools, these conversions make nearly half of the whole number added on profession of faith. Total number, 1,056; from the Sunday Schools, 516.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COLORED EVANGELIZAVION.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Colored Evangelization has but a meagre report to make, for the reason that the Synod has done but little toward the evangelization of the negro.

Excepting the work done at the Institute at North Wilkesboro, the Synod has done practically nothing within its own bounds, and its contributions in aid of the Assembly's work have not been large.

Substantially the same sad report is made by every Presbytery of but little work done and small contributions received.

The Assembly's Committee received last year, from the whole Church, the sum of $7,013.30. Of this the churches in North Carolina contributed $278.21, as follows: Albemarle Presbytery, $68.17; Concord, $77.18; Fayetteville, $50.57; Mecklenburg, $7.92; Wilmington, $74.37.

By reason of the order of the last Synod that one-third of the December collections should be appropriated to the support of the Institute at North Wilkesboro, that institution received from our churches about $110.

The whole amount contributed by the churches of this Synod to this work in all its branches is as follows: Albemarle Presbytery, $108; Asheville, $38; Concord, $139; Fayetteville, $132; Mecklenburg, $146; Orange, $210; Wilmington, $91; total, $755.

The last Assembly authorized its Executive Committee to make an effort to raise a special fund of $10,000 for Stillman Institute. Its representative, the Rev. O. B. Wilson, has visited one of our churches—the First church of Asheville—and secured a contribution of $112.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, May 5th, 1897.

The Board met in annual session May 4th, 1897, in the Seminary library. Nineteen members out of the twenty-four were present, including the Rev. Dr. R. F Campbell and Rev. J. B. Morton, newly appointed members from the Synod of North Carolina. During the past session all five members of the faculty have been continuously on duty.

Both faculty and students gave evidence, in the examinations, of faithful work. We mourn the loss by death of one of the members of the Board, the Rev. D. D. McBryde, and one of the students.

The Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., was formally inducted into the chair of Systematic Theology.

A report from the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, relating to the new buildings at Richmond, was received stating that gratifying progress had been made in their erection and the hope of our early removal to them

The library has been increased by the addition of 50 volumes, twenty by gift and thirty by purchase. The full number of volumes is now 15,299 bound and 254 unbound.

Owing to the stringency of the times the Treasurer reports a falling off in the receipts for the treasury.

A committee has been appointed to awaken interest in the churches of the two Synods in the matter of furnishing and equipping the new seminary buildings when they shall be completed.

Diplomas were awarded to the following young men: A. E. Baker, H. R. Borthwick, Charles Friend, E. E. Gillespie, J. H Grey, C. E. Hodgin, N. A. Parker, C. Preston, C. F. Rankin, J. C. Shive and E. Tufts.

Certificates were awarded to J. A. Paisley and L. H. Query; a limited certificate to V. G. Smith. Besides these there were five students who practically completed the course but did not apply for certificates. In all there go out from the Seminary this year twenty young men to preach the Gospel.

Union Theological Seminary.

Mr. W. L. Lingle was re-elected Tutor, Intendant and Librarian.

An address was delivered to the graduating class after the diplomas had been awarded by Rev. G. W. Finley, D. D.

A Finance Committee was appointed to look after all changes in the investments and to manage all the funds of the Corporation.

The Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., was elected to deliver the address to the graduating class in May, 1898, and Rev. J. B. Morton was elected alternate.

The Board adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia be requested to grant to the Board authority to procure from the Legislature of Virginia an amendment to the Charter of the Seminary by which the following clause will be added to section 2 of the amended act of incorporation approved February 25th, 1892, viz.: "and to confer proper literary degrees upon the graduates of said institution."

J. P. FITZGERALD,
Secretary.

D.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

Revised November, 1893.

I.—OF ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

1. The Stated Clerk, the pastor of the church in which the Synod holds its annual session and the delegates of the session of said church shall constitute a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod. And to the Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each member, unless released by a vote of the Synod, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator, stating reasons for his detention.

3. The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a standing committee on Leave of Absence. To this committee all excuses for absence or late attendance, and for the latter, on the part of ruling elders as well as ministers, shall be rendered. The roll shall be called before final adjournment and those absent without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity.

II.—OF THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF SYNOD.

4. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

5. The Treasurer shall submit to the Synod annually his book, together with a report of receipts and expenditures, presenting vouchers for the same.

6. The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, and they shall present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

7. Agents shall be appointed on each of the following departments of the Church's work, viz.: Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education, Publication, Evangelistic Labor and Sabbath Schools. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them. The Agents for these respective subjects, or chairmen of committees, in the several Presbyteries, shall forward to the Synodical Agents such reports as are needful

in the preparation of their reports to the Synod; and the Synod shall appoint Orders of the Day for each of these causes at each annual meeting. In connection with the Orders for Evangelistic Labor, the Synod will hear reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists; and in connection with the consideration of Foreign Missions, a collection may also be taken for this object.

III.—OF COMMITTEES.

8. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred; and this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body.

9. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to whom the reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence shall be referred; and this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod recommending any action called for on this subject. The Presbyterial Reports shall cover the fiscal year of the Assembly.

10. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeeting to examine the Synodical Records and report thereon.

IV.—OF THE STATED CLERK AND THE MINUTES.

11. The Stated Clerk shall forward to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and the Librarian of Davidson College, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, a copy of the Minutes of the Synod as published annually.

12. He shall issue and sign certificates whenever necessary for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

13. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes the reports of the Presbyteries furnishing statistics to the Synod; the statistics of the annual reports of the Synodical Agents, when approved by the Synod, requesting on behalf of the Synod, the publication of the full reports in the *North Carolina Presbyterian;* a list of the officers and appointees of the Synod; the Standing Rules of the Synod and a Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

14. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, at least once in five years, the names of Ruling Elders and Deacons, with their respective postoffices, belonging to the churches composing the Synod; and the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod the information necessary for the execution of this rule

V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

15. The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly for 1886, and since that time observed by them, shall be the rules for the guidance of this Synod.

16. The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, shall render excuse to the Synod for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board, and if so absent without assigning sufficient excuse, his seat in the Board will be declared vacant.

17. The election of Stated Clerk and Synodical Agents shall be held in 1886, and every three years thereafter—the former to enter upon his duties at the opening of the Synod immediately succeeding that at which he is elected, and the latter to enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which elected them. (Minutes 1883, page 240.)

18. It was made a Standing Rule that the Roll be called at the opening of the Synod, that those who have been enrolled by the Committee of Enrollment may answer to their names. (Minutes 1885, page 612.)

19. The Committee on Leave of Absence was instructed not to grant leave of absence except for urgent reasons; and the Stated Clerk was directed to enter this action upon the Docket of the next Synod for information and caution to members of the committee and of the Synod (Minutes of 1885, page 615.)

20. When a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or removal beyond our bounds, in any of the offices of Synod (including the Stated Clerk Agents and Directors of Union Theological Seminary) the Moderator is empowered to fill such vacancy until the next meeting of Synod, except in the case of those officers who are the heads of Synodical Committees, when the Committee shall fill the vacancy. (Minutes 1891, page 579.)

21. Memorials of deceased ministers shall be read on Friday morning at each meeting of the Synod

22. *Resolved*, That the Standing Orders of Synod be revised as follows:

(1.) That the Synodical Communion be held at 11 A. M. on the second day.

(2.) That the popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions be held Wednesday night.

(3.) That the popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions be held Thursday night

(4.) That Friday night be given alternately to Sunday schools and Colored Evangelization (Minutes 1894 page 260.)

E.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

Moderators of the Synod of North Carolina.

	Moderators.	Place of Meeting.
1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	*Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815.	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	*Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	*Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D	Fayetteville.
1819.	*Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, D. D	Raleigh.
1820.	*Rev. Wm. Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	*Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	*Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.
1823.	*Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824.	*Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville.
1825.	*Rev. John B. Davis	Greensborough.
1826.	*Rev. Wm. McPheeters, D. D	Fayetteville
1827.	*Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D	Salisbury
	[The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.]	
1828.	*Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829.	*Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830.	*Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.
1831.	*Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsborough.
1832.	*Rev Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833.	*Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834.	*Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835.	*Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury.

*Deceased.

Moderators of Synod.

	Moderators.	Place of Meeting.
1836.	*Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837.	*Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838.	*Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839.	*Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840.	*Rev. Alexander Wilson, D D	Danville, Va.
1841.	*Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842.	*Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843.	*Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh
1844.	*Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845.	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846.	*Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensborough.
1847.	*Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848.	*Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849.	*Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsboro.
1850.	*Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851.	*Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852.	*Rev. Wm. N. Mebane	Danville, Va.
1853.	*Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854.	*Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855.	*Rev. Eli W. Caruthers D. D	Greensborough.
1856.	*Rev. Neill McKay, D. D	Fayetteville.
1857.	*Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858.	*Rev. Jacob Doll	New Berne.
1859.	*Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington
1860.	*Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861.	*Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862.	*Rev. John M. Sherwood.	Goldsborough.
1863.	*Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864	*Rev. A G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866.	*Rev. R..Hett Chapman, D. D	Charlotte.
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie	New Berne.
1868.	*Rev. D D McBryde	Wilmington
1869.	*Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.

*Deceased.

Moderators of Synod.

	Moderators.	Place of Meeting.
1870.	*Rev R A. Stanford	Raleigh.
1871.	*Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872.	*Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D	Charlotte.
1873.	*Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874.	Rev. J. Rumple, D D	Concord.
1875.	*Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.
1876.	*Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877.	*Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.
1878.	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D	Goldsborough.
1879.	*Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D. D	Statesville.
1880.	Rev J. Henry Smith, D. D	Raleigh.
1881.	Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D	Salisbury.
1882.	Rev. L. McKinnon, D. D	Asheville.
1883.	Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D	Wilmington.
1884	*Rev. P. T. Penick	Winston.
1885.	*Rev. J. C. Alexander	Reidsville.
1886.	Rev. J. W. Primrose, D. D	Concord.
1887.	Rev. R. Z. Johnston	Fayetteville.
1888.	*Hon. A. M Scales	Goldsborough.
1889.	Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D.	Charlotte.
1890.	Rev. Alexander Sprunt	Wilmington.
1891.	Rev. W. E. McIlwain	Durham.
1892	Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D	Statesville.
1893.	Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D	Tarboro.
1894.	Rev. W. B. Arrowood	Greensborough.
1895.	Rev. Eugene Daniel, D. D	Fayetteville.
1896.	Rev A. D. McClure	New Berne.
1897.	Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D	Salisbury.

*Deceased.

Officers and Appointees of Synod

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Rev. J. B. Morton.

Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.,

Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1899.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Rev. W. B Arrowood.

Dr. H. L. Smith, Ruling Elder.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1898.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D.,

Mr. Geo. W. Watts, Ruling Elder.

SYNODICAL COMMITTEES AND AGENTS.

Synodical Missions .....Rev. A. J. McKelway, Superintendent.
Foreign Missions .....Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman.
Church and Christian Education.....Rev. J. B. Shearer, Agt. and Ch'm.
Education for Ministry.....Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Agent.
Colored Evangelization.....Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman.
Bible Cause.....Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Chairman.
Publication and Colportage.....Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman.
Sabbath Schools.....Rev. C. G. Vardell, Chairman

To go out in 1898.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Rev. J. Alston Ramsay, D. D.....Hickory, N. C.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1899.

Dr. J. R. Irwin (Chairman).....Charlotte.
Col. J. B. Rankin.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. C. Burroughs.....Charlotte.
Mr. R. M. Oates.....Charlotte.
Hon. A. C. Avery.....Morganton.
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord.
Mr. E. B. Stimson.....Statesville.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. D. I. Craig.....Reidsville.
Concord—Rev. W. R. McLelland.....Statesville.
Fayetteville—Rev. P. R. Law.....Lumber Bridge.
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen.....Clarkton.
Mecklenburg—Rev. J. W. Siler.....Davenport.
Albemarle—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.....Elizabeth City.
Asheville—Rev. E. A. Sample.....Hendersonville.

REGENTS OF ORPHANS' HOME.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FIVE YEARS.

To go out in 1902.

Rev. C. G. Vardell. Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

To go out in 1901.

Geo. W. Watts, Esq., Rev. J. W. Stagg.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. W. R. McLelland. M. W. Hill, M. D.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1899.

Mr. S. C. Rankin. Mr. P. M. Brown.

FIFTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1898.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. D. I. Craig.

REGENTS OF SOUTH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1900.

Judge T. B. Womack.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1899.

Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1898.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

DIRECTORS OF COLORED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Rev. L. B. TURNBULL, D. D., Chairman.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

To go out in 1900.

Rev. C. A. Munroe, Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D.

Rev. C. G. Vardell, Mr. A. A. Finley.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

To go out in 1899.

Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Rev. A. J. McKelway

Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Mr. —— Montcastle.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

To go out in 1898.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D.

Mr. J. M. Rogers, Mr. A. M. Scales.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

REV. A. T. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Mr. Geo. W. Watts.
Concord—Rev. A. T. Graham, Prof. H. L. Smith.
Fayetteville—Rev. A. J. McKelway, Mr. J. C. McCaskill.
Wilmington—Rev. A. D. McClure, Mr W. H. Sprunt
Mecklenburg—Rev. J. W. Siler, Dr. Chas. Adams.
Albemarle—Rev. C. M Payne, D. D., Mr. J. B. Sparrow.
Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

Committee on Synodical Missions.

REV. A. J. McKELWAY, Superintendent.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. M. McG. Shields, Mr. J. M Rogers.
Concord—Rev. C. A. Munroe, Mr. J. G. Hall.
Fayetteville—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D , Dr. J W. McNeill. ,
Wilmington—Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., Mr. B F. Hall
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. A. Miller, Mr. A. G. Brenizer.
Albemarle—Rev. J. B. Morton, Mr. J. R. Young.
Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D., Mr. W. A. Blair.

Committee on Church and Christian Education.

REV. J. B. SHEARER, D. D., Agent.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D.
Concord—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Mr. G. P. Erwin.
Fayetteville—Rev. P. R Law, Capt. S. C. Rankin.
Wilmington—Rev. A. McFadyen, Mr. W. H. Sprunt.
Mecklenburg—Mr. George E. Wilson
Albemarle—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Mr. W. S. Primrose.
Asheville—Rev. R F. Campbell, D. D.

Permanent Committees of Synod

Committee on Bible Cause.

REV. R. E. CALDWELL, Chairman.

Albemarle Presbytery—Rev. F. D. Thomas.

Concord—Rev. W. C. Alexander.

Fayetteville—

Mecklenburg—Rev. Geo. A. Sparrow.

Orange—Rev. S. O. Hall.

Wilmington—Rev. George W. McMillan.

Asheville—Rev. H. M. Parker.

Committee on Colored Evangelization.

REV. J. M. ROSE, D. D., Chairman.

Orange Presbytery—Rev. W. Lee Harrell.

Concord—Rev. Wm. H. White.

Fayetteville—Rev. M. D. McNeill.

Wilmington—Rev. S. H. Isler.

Mecklenburg—Rev. J. M. Grier.

Albemarle—Rev. W. T. Walker.

Asheville—Rev. R. F. Campbell, D. D.

Committee on Publication and Colportage.

REV. A. D. McCLURE, Chairman.

Albemarle Presbytery—Rev. E. Daniel, D. D.

Concord—Rev. J. A. Harris.

Fayetteville—Rev. C. H. Dobbs, Jr.

Mecklenburg—Rev. R. J. McIlwain.

Orange—Rev. R. W. Culbertson.

Wilmington—Rev. K. McDonald.

Asheville—Rev. R F. Campbell, D. D.

ROLL OF MINISTERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SYNOD.

1897.

I.—Orange Presbytery

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	A. Currie	Hillsboro.
2.	J. Henry Smith, D. D	Greensborough.
3.	L. B. Turnbull, D. D.	Durham.
4.	D. I. Craig	Reidsville.
5.	J. McL. Seabrook	Greensborough.
6.	E. W. Smith, D. D	Greensborough.
7.	S. O. Hall	Greensborough.
8.	R. W. Culbertson	Mebane.
9.	C. W. Maxwell	Durham.
10.	S. G. Walker, (col'd)	North Wilkesboro.
11.	R. E. Caldwell	Winston.
12.	C. W. Robinson	North Wilkesboro.
13.	H S. Bradshaw	Hillsborough.
14.	D. J. Currie	Chapel Hill.
15.	W. Lee Harrell	High Point.
16.	H. D. Lequeux	Greensborough.
17.	N. B. Campbell	Yanceyville.
18.	W. P. McCorkle	Graham.
19.	R. W. George	Francisco.
20.	B. B. Palmer, (col'd)	Semora.
21.	M. W. Doggett, D. D	Burlington.
22.	Joseph Evans	Milton.
23.	E. C. Murray, D. D	Mebane.
24.	E. E. Gillespie	
25.	J. A. Paisley	
26.	S. H. Williamson	

II.—Concord Presbytery.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	B. L Beall	Greensborough.
2.	J. Rumple, D. D	Salisbury.
3	Wm. W. Pharr, D. D.	Mooresville.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
4.	W. A. Wood, D. D.	Statesville.
5.	J. B. Shearer, D. D.	Davidson.
6.	L. McKinnon, D. D.	Clinton.
7.	J. M. Wharey, D. D.	Mooresville.
8.	John W. Davis, D. D.	Soochow, China.
9.	W. C. Alexander	Concord.
10.	J. A. Ramsay, D. D.	Hickory.
11.	C. A. Munroe	Lenoir.
12.	W. R. McLelland	Statesville.
13.	R. S. Arrowood	Woodleaf.
14.	A. T. Graham	Davidson.
15.	J. A. Harris	Mill Bridge.
16.	W. M. Shaw	Mill Hill.
17.	E. E. Pressly	Fancy Hill.
18.	J. M. Rose, D. D.	Morganton.
19.	W. H. White	Marion.
20.	J. C. Kennedy	Mt. Mourne.
21.	R. W. Boyd	Barium Springs.
22.	B. Soulier	Valdese.
23.	A. K. Pool	Concord.
24.	L. A. McLaurin	Elk Park.
25.	W. C. Brown	Fancy Hill.
26.	W. J. Tidball	Taylorsville.
27.	Cornelius Miller	Harrisburg.
28.	Edgar Tufts	Banner Elk.
29.	C. F. Rankin	Concord.
30.	W. L. Lingle	Hampden Sydney, Va.
31.	J. M. Greenlee	Marion.

III.—Fayetteville Presbytery.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	H. G. Hill, D. D.	Maxton.
2.	David Fairley	Manchester.
3.	A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburg
4.	K. M. McIntyre	Endicott.
5.	J. S. Black	Athens.
6.	P. R. Law	Lumber Bridge.

Roll of Ministers. Wilmington.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
7.	K. A. McLeod	Endicott.
8.	J. W. Johnston	Aberdeen
9.	W. F. Thom	Ore Hill.
10.	M. N. McIver	Rockingham.
11.	W. B. Arrowood	Laurinburg.
12.	D. W. Fox	Rockingham.
13.	A. J. McKelway	Fayetteville.
14.	J. A. McMurray	Smithfield.
15.	A. M. Hassell	Godwin.
16.	M D. McNeill	Sanford.
17.	H. Craig	Plainville.
18.	L. L. Little	Kiang Yiu China.
19.	W. R. Coppedge	Rockingham.
20.	W. C. Buchanan	Nagoya, Japan.
21.	C. G. Vardell	Red Springs.
22.	A. McLaughlin	Mt. Gilead.
23.	C. H. Dobbs	
24.	H. T. Graham	Fayetteville.

IV.—Wilmington Presbytery.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	Colin Shaw	Kinston.
2.	James Kelly	Clarkton.
3.	A. McFadyen	Clarkton.
4.	Geo. W. McMillan	Whiteville.
5.	K. McDonald	Ivanhoe.
6.	A. D. McClure	Wilmington.
7.	Peyton H. Hoge, D. D	Wilmington.
8.	J. D. Stanford	Kenansville.
9.	J. J. Hines	Riverdale
10.	Peter McIntire	Faison's.
11.	T. H. Newkirk	Vineland.
12.	S. H. Isler	Goldsboro.
13.	John Wakefield	Salisbury.
14.	P. C. Morton	Wilmington.
15.	R. V. Lancaster	Kenansville.

V.—Mecklenburg Presbytery.

	Ministers	Post Office.
1.	R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
2.	J. J. Kennedy	Lowesville.
3.	R. A. Miller	Lowell.
4.	J. R. McAlpine	Pineville.
5.	S. C. Boyce	Wolfsville.
6.	Roger Martin	Uneas.
7.	John W. Moore	Koochi, Japan.
8.	George A. Sparrow	Begonia.
9.	H. M. Dixon	Monroe.
10.	L. H. Baldwin	Norfolk, Va.
11.	J. M. Grier	Caldwell.
12.	J. J. Harrell	Mint Hill.
13.	S. W. Newell	Newell.
14.	Jesse W. Siler	Davenport.
15.	William Black	Monroe.
16.	G. A. Hough	Rutherfordton.
17.	R. P. Smith	Gastonia.
18.	R. C. Morrison	Matthews.
19.	M. C. Arrowood	Marshalville.
20.	Jonas Barclay	Martindale.
21.	A. A. Little	Shopton
22.	R. J. McIlwain	King's Mountain.
23.	T. F. Boozer	Sunshine.
24.	J. W Stagg	Charlotte.
25.	R D. Stimson	Hopewell.
26.	T. M. Lowry	Shelby.
27.	J. S. Shaw	Sandifer.
28.	Jos. Crackard	Charlotte.
29.	T. J. Allison	Charlotte.
30.	J. R. Howerton. D. D	Charlotte.
31.	M. McG. Shields	Gastonia.
32.	H W. Hoon	Waxhaw.
33.	W. R. Minter	
34.	M. A. Henderson	Rutherfordton.
35.	G. T. Thompson	Cottonwood.

VI.—Albemarle Presbytery.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Elizabeth City.
2.	C. M. Payne, D. D.	Washington.
3.	E. Daniel, D. D.	Raleigh.
4.	F. D Thomas	Rocky Mount.
5.	F. W. Farries	Goldsboro.
6.	W. T. Walker, Jr.	Townsville.
7.	J. B. Morton	Tarboro.
8.	C. N. Wharton	Warrenton.
9.	James Thomas	Goldsboro.
10.	E. D. Brown	Kinston.
11.	A. S. Caldwell	Oxford.
12.	G. L. Leyburn, D. D.	Newberne.
13.	A. R. Shaw	Henderson.

VII.—Asheville Presbytery.

	Ministers.	Post Office.
1.	D. T. Towles	Crabtree.
2.	E. A. Sample	Hendersonville.
3.	J. T. Wade	Highlands.
4.	H. M. Parker	Inanda.
5.	R. F. Campbell, D. D.	Asheville.
6.	J. L. Wicker	Brevard.
7.	J. B. Cochrane	Murphy.
8.	R. W. Alexander	Waynesville.

F.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(From 22nd Rule of the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Approved by the Synod. See Standing Rule 15.)

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes read.
3. Presentation of Papers—
   (*a.*) Communications addressed to the body;
   (*b.*) Reports of Standing Committees;
   (*c.*) Reports of Select Committees;
   (*d.*) Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation; but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees, and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

NOTE.—If the Unfinished Business be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the order has been disposed of, such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.

G.

DOCKET.

Of the Eighty-Fifth Annual Session of the Synod of North Carolina, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, N. C., on Tuesday October 25th, 1898, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

I. Prayer.
II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.
III. Moderator Chosen.
IV. Temporary Clerks Chosen.
V. Minutes of last Annual Meeting of Synod Read.
VI. Standing Committees Announced—
    1. Bills and Overtures.
    2. Judicial Committee.
    3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
    4. Systematic Beneficence.
    5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
    6. Union Theological Seminary.
    7. Treasurer's Books.
    8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
    9. Devotional Exercises.
    10. Statistical Report of the Presbyteries.
    11. Synodical Records.
    12. Leave of Absence.
VII. Committee to Review Records of Presbyteries Announced—
    1. Orange.
    2. Concord.
    3. Fayetteville.
    4. Wilmington.
    5. Mecklenburg.
    6 Albemarle.
    7. Asheville.
VIII. Excuse for Absence from last Meeting of Synod Referred.

Docket.

IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.

XI. Reports of Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.

XII. Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary Read and Referred.

XIII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary Referred.

[NOTE.—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting, viz.: Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. P. H. Hoge, D. D., and Mr. Geo. W. Watts.]

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records Referred—
1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. Albemarle.
7. Asheville.
8. The Synod.

Docket.

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Dr. J. R. Irwin, Chairman,) Read and Referred.

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of Synod Read and Referred.

XVII. Report of Board of Directors of Colored Industrial School (Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Chairman.)

XVIII. Appointment of Orders of the Day.

XIX. Reports of Synodical Committees or Agents Read—

1. Synodical Missions—Rev. A. J. McKelway, Superintendent.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. A. T. Graham, Chairman.
3. Church and Christian Education—Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., Agent.
4. Colored Evangelization—Rev. J. M. Rose, D. D., Chairman.
5. Bible Cause—Rev. R. E. Caldwell, Chairman.
6. Education for the Ministry—Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Agent.
7. Publication and Colportage—Rev. A. D. McClure, Chairman
8. Sabbath Schools—Rev. C. G. Vardell, Chairman.

XX. Report of Committee on Peace Institute—Rev. E. Daniel, D. D., Chairman.

XXI. Report of Regents of South Atlantic University.

XXII. Report of Synodical Historical Committee—Rev. J. A. Ramsay, D. D., Chairman.

XXIII. Report of Regents of Orphans' Home—Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Chairman.

XXIV. Election of Superintendent of Synodical Home Missions.

XXV. Election of Stated Clerk and Treasurer.

XXVI. Election of Chairmen of Permanent Committees—

1. Foreign Missions.
2. Church and Christian Education.
3. Colored Evangelization.
4. Bible Cause.
5. Ministerial Education.
6. Publication and Colportage.
7. Sabbath Schools.

XXVII. Synodical Communion on Wednesday morning—Standing Rule 22.

XXVIII. Place and Time of next Meeting of Synod.

XXIX. How many copies of Minutes shall be printed?

XXX. Roll called before Final Adjournment.

XXXI. Minutes Read and Approved.

XXXII. Adjournment with Singing, Prayer and Apostolic Benediction.